OKAY. I'LL SIGN IT.
<TEMPORARY PLEDGE>
1. DOKJA KIM AND SUYEONG HAN WILL BE UNDER A CONTRACT UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT SUB SCENARIO.
2. BOTH PARTIES WILL NOT HARM EACH OTHER UNTIL THE END OF THE SUB SCENARIO.
3. BOTH PARTIES WIL

[THE SLEEP PENALTY].

4. ▶ CLICK TO EXPAND

5. ▶ CLICK TO EXPAND

6. SUYEONG MUST FOLLOW DOKJA'S ORDERS WHILE THE CONTRACT IS IN EFFECT.

7. SUYEONG WILL COOPERATE WITH DOKJA IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE SCENARIO DURING THE CONTRACT AND FOLLOW HIS ORDERS AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT THREATEN HER LIFE.

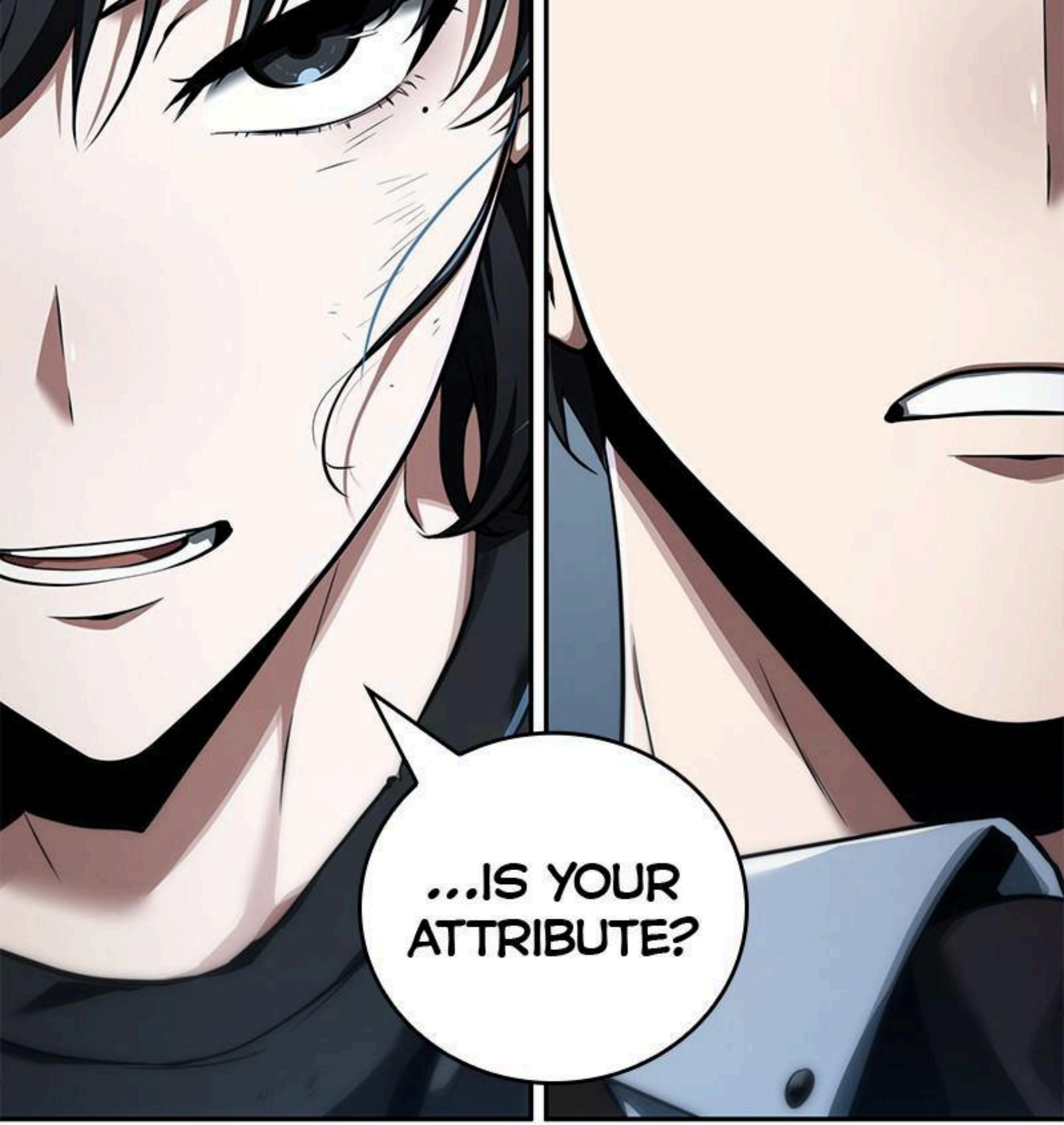
8. DOKJA WILL PROTECT SUYEONG WHILE THE CONTRACT IS IN EFFECT.

9. THE CONTRACT WILL COME TO AN END AS SOON AS THE SUB SCENARIO IS COMPLETE. ANY VIOLATIONS WILL
IN THE EXTINCTION OF THE VIOLATOR'S PHYSICA

BUT UNDER ONE CONDITION.

WE HAVE TO SHARE OUR INTEL.
I HAVE A LOT I WANT TO ASK YOU.

JUST WHAT
THE HELL...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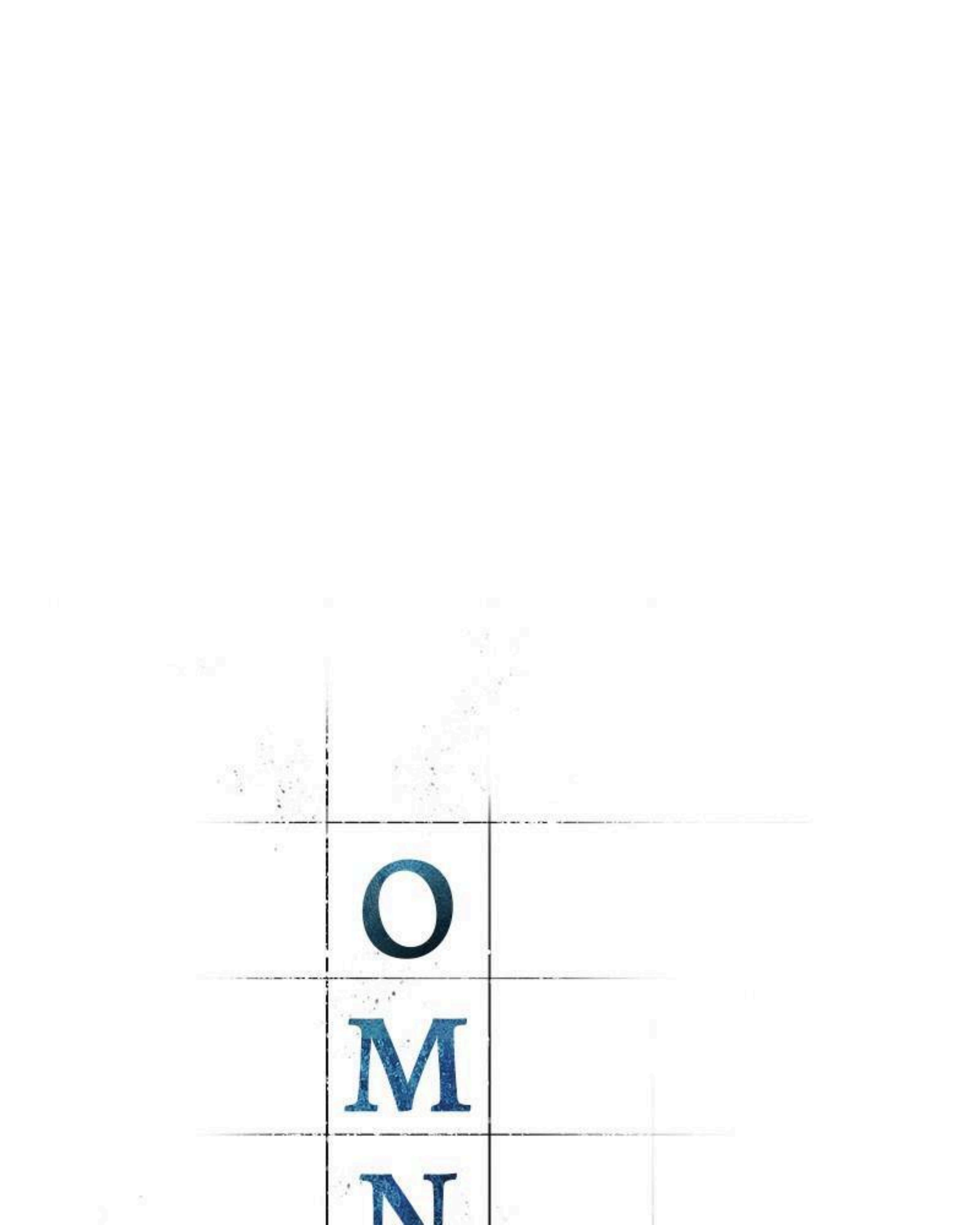
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READER

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Chapter 15

The World Without A King

Part 6

AND YOU BETTER NOT LIE.

I HAVE THE [LIE DETECTION] SKILL.

[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS ACTIVATED THE SKILL, *LIE DETECTION LV. 1*!]

SHE ACTUALLY DOES!

I DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT SKILL YET!

I DON'T KNOW EITHER.

WHAT?

[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS CONFIRMED THAT YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH.]

TAP TAP
IS THIS THING BROKEN?
NOPE, IT ISN'T.
I'LL ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. YOU'VE ALREADY

USED ONE UP.

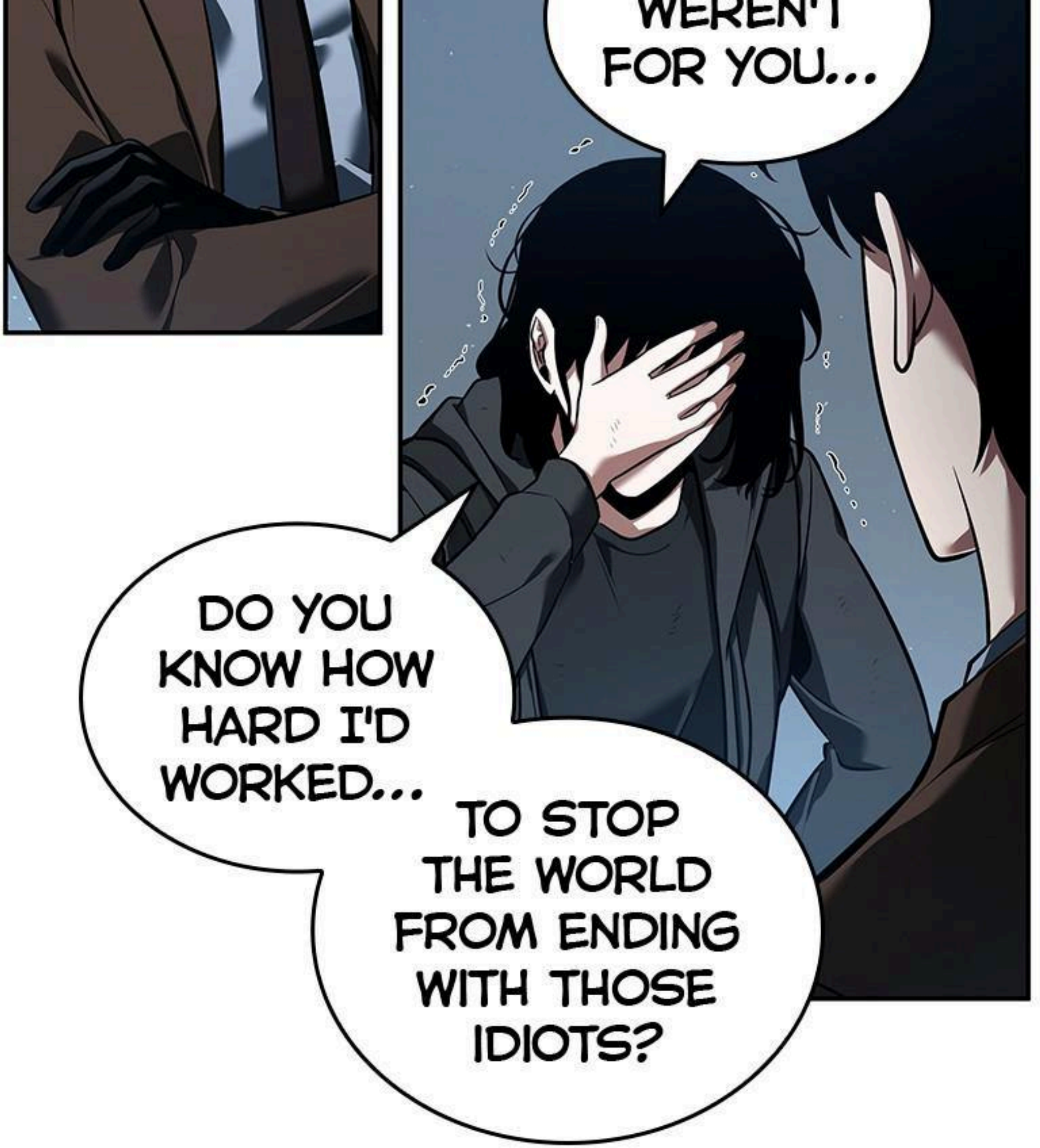
HOW COULD YOU NOT KNOW YOUR OWN ATTRIBUTE?

I REALLY DON'T. NEXT QUESTION.

...

WHY DID YOU GIVE UP THE THRONE?

I KNEW SHE'D ASK ME THAT.
YOU RUINED MY PLAN BY DOING THAT.
IF IT


WEREN'T FOR YOU...
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD I'D WORKED...
TO STOP THE WORLD FROM ENDING WITH THOSE IDIOTS?

IF I HAD THE THRONE, WE WOULD ALREADY BE IN THE NEXT SCENARIO AND--

SEOUL WOULD ALREADY BE IN RUINS IF YOU WERE ON THE THRONE.

[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS CONFIRMED THAT YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH.]

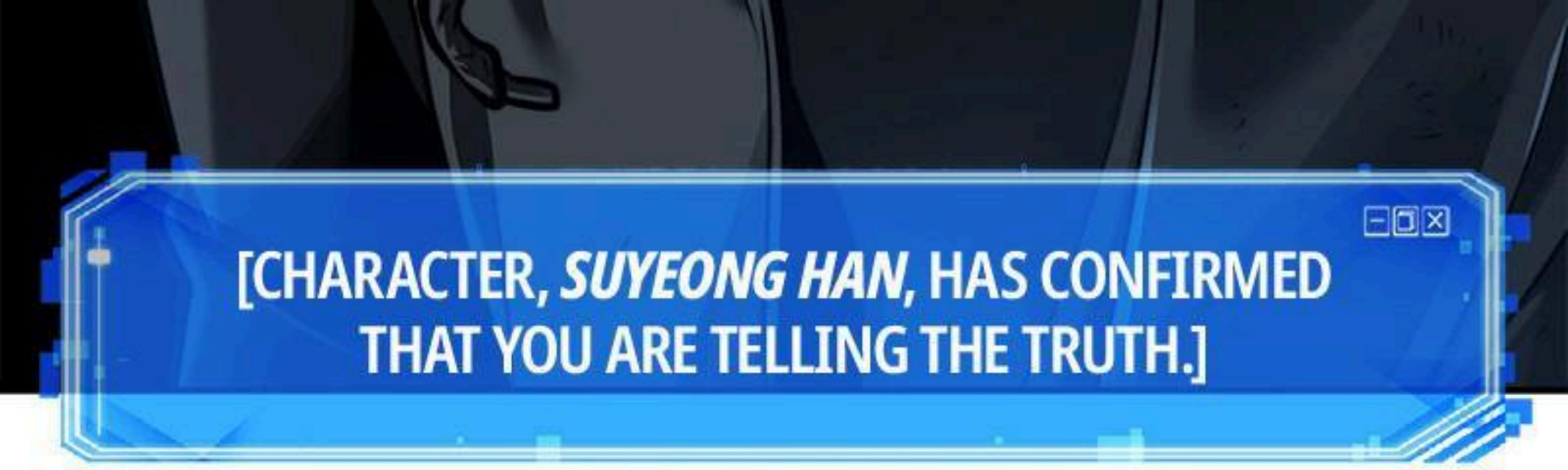
IT REALLY MUST BE BROKEN.

IT'S WORKING JUST FINE.

AND IT'S

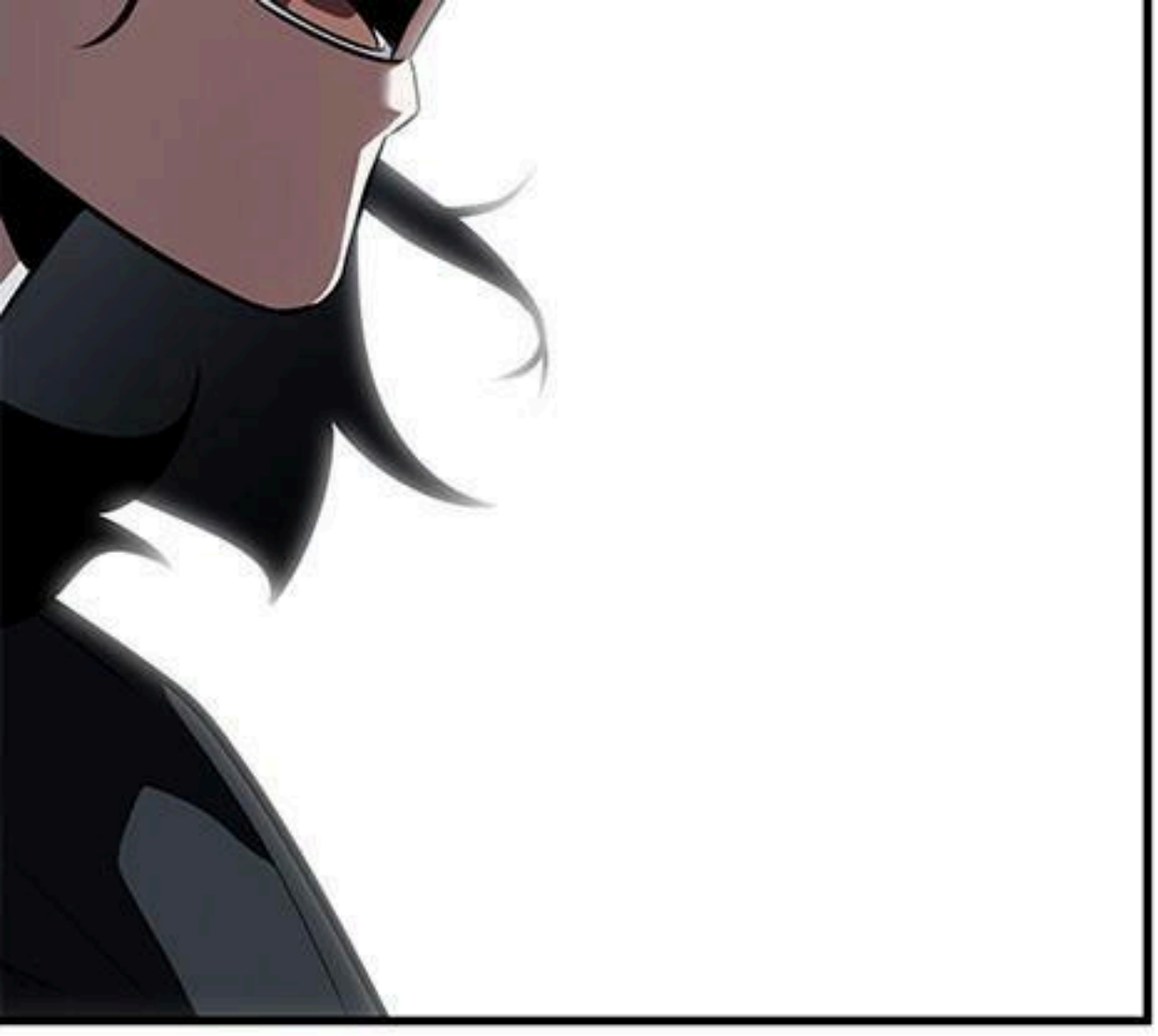
NOT JUST YOU.

WE WOULD HAVE BEEN DOOMED NO MATTER WHO SAT ON THE THRONE.


[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS CONFIRMED
THAT YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH.]

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? WHAT NUMBER RENOUNCER ARE YOU?
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!

HOW IS IT
THAT YOU KNOW
SOMETHING
EVEN I DON'T?



I'M NOT A

RENOUNCER.

DING

[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS CONFIRMED THAT YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH.]

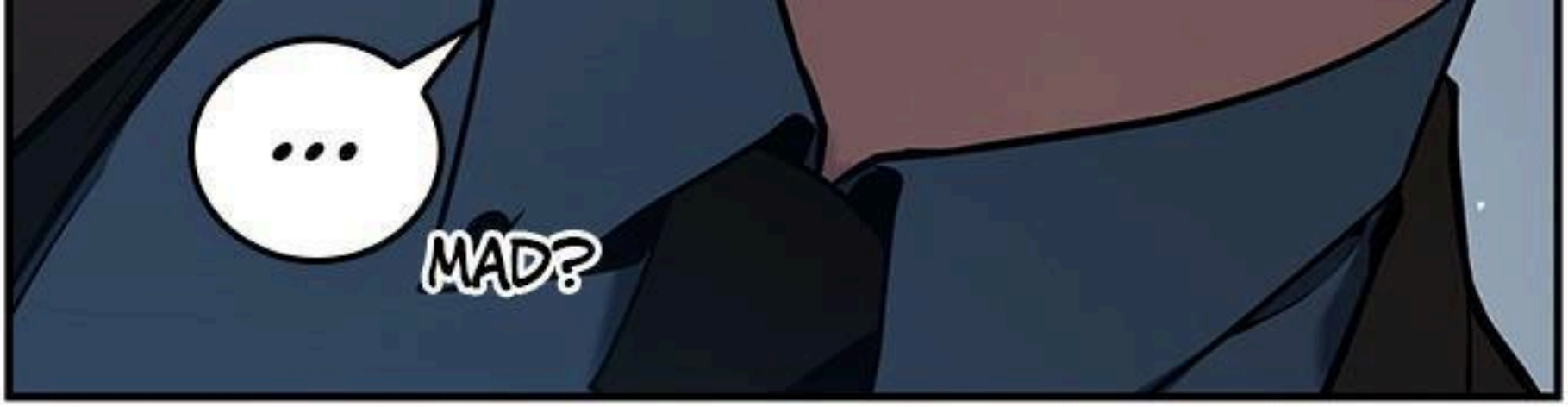
WHOOSH

HOW...

MUCH OF *TWSA* HAVE

YOU READ?
YOU'VE USED UP ALL THREE QUESTIONS.
BUT THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE! ANSWER ME!

NO...
IT CAN'T BE.
NO ONE COULD HAVE BEEN MAD ENOUGH TO...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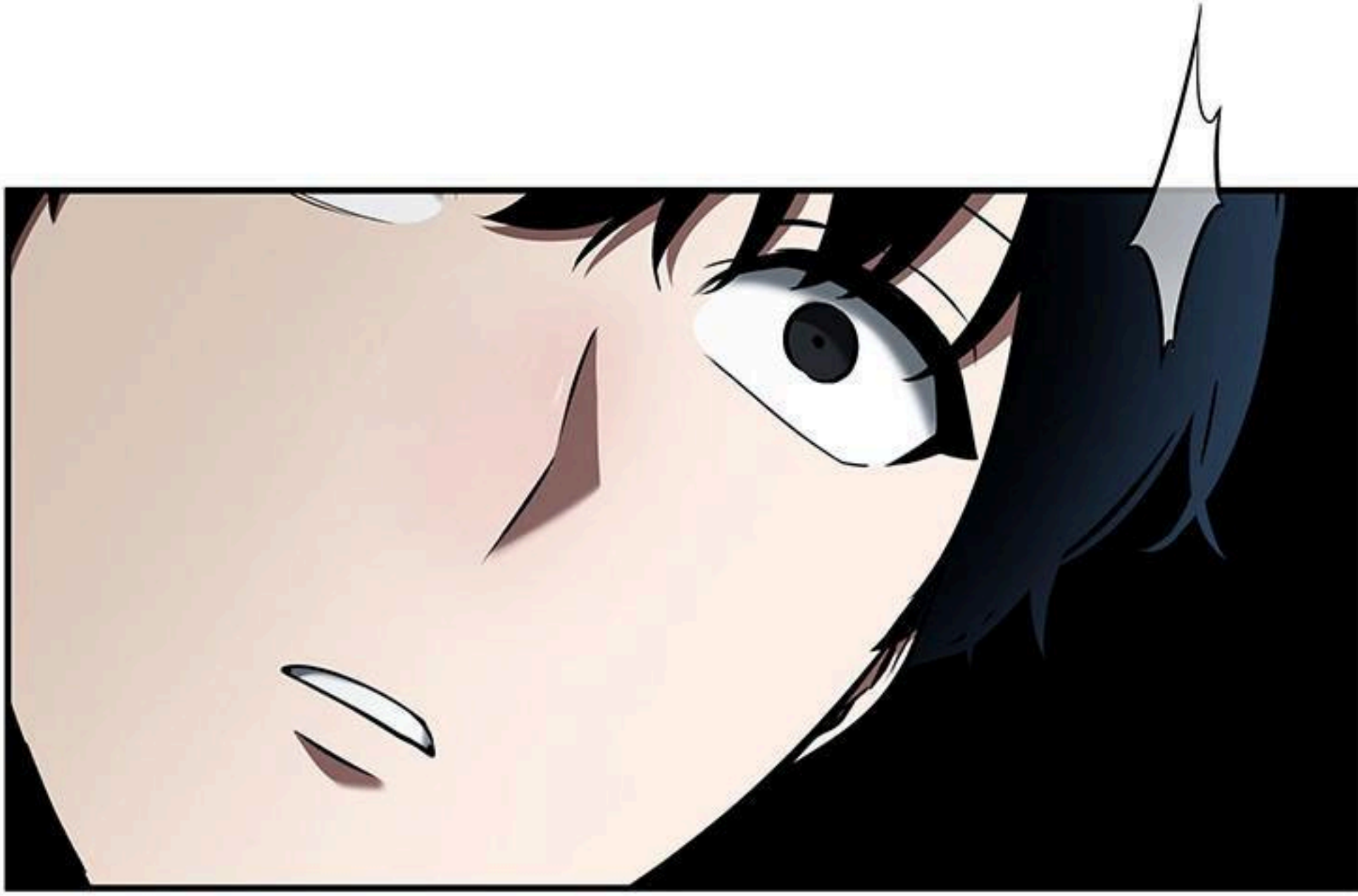

DASH

FOOTSTEPS?

SOMETHING'S COMING!

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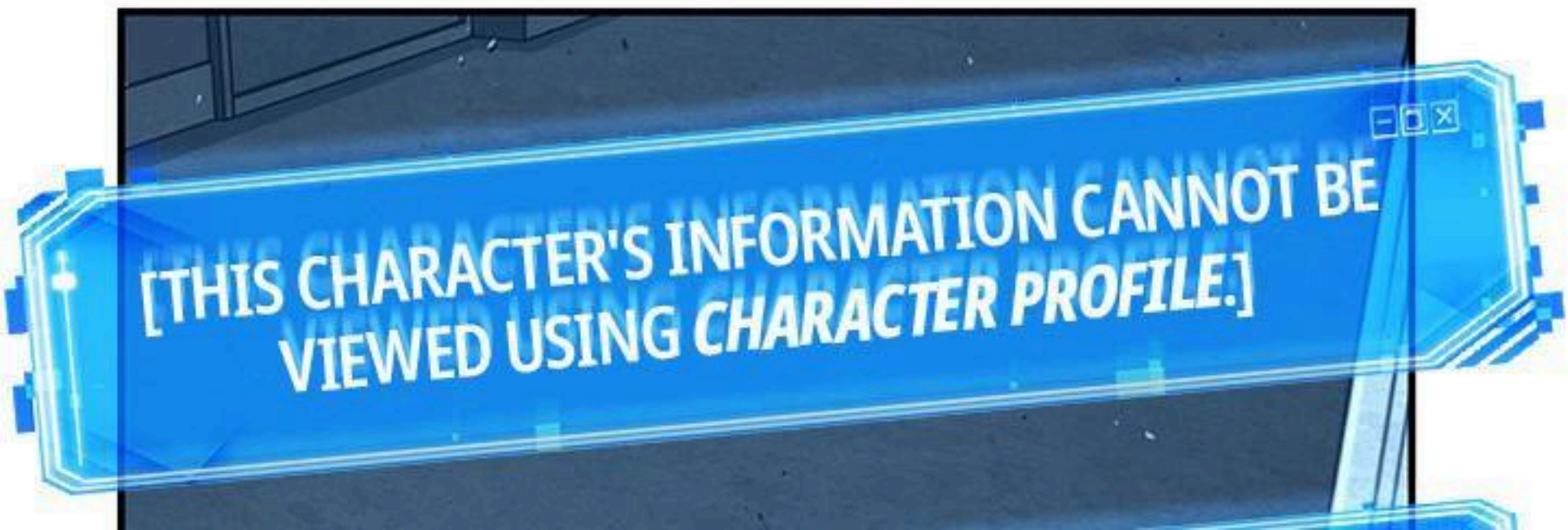
W-WHAT
IS IT?

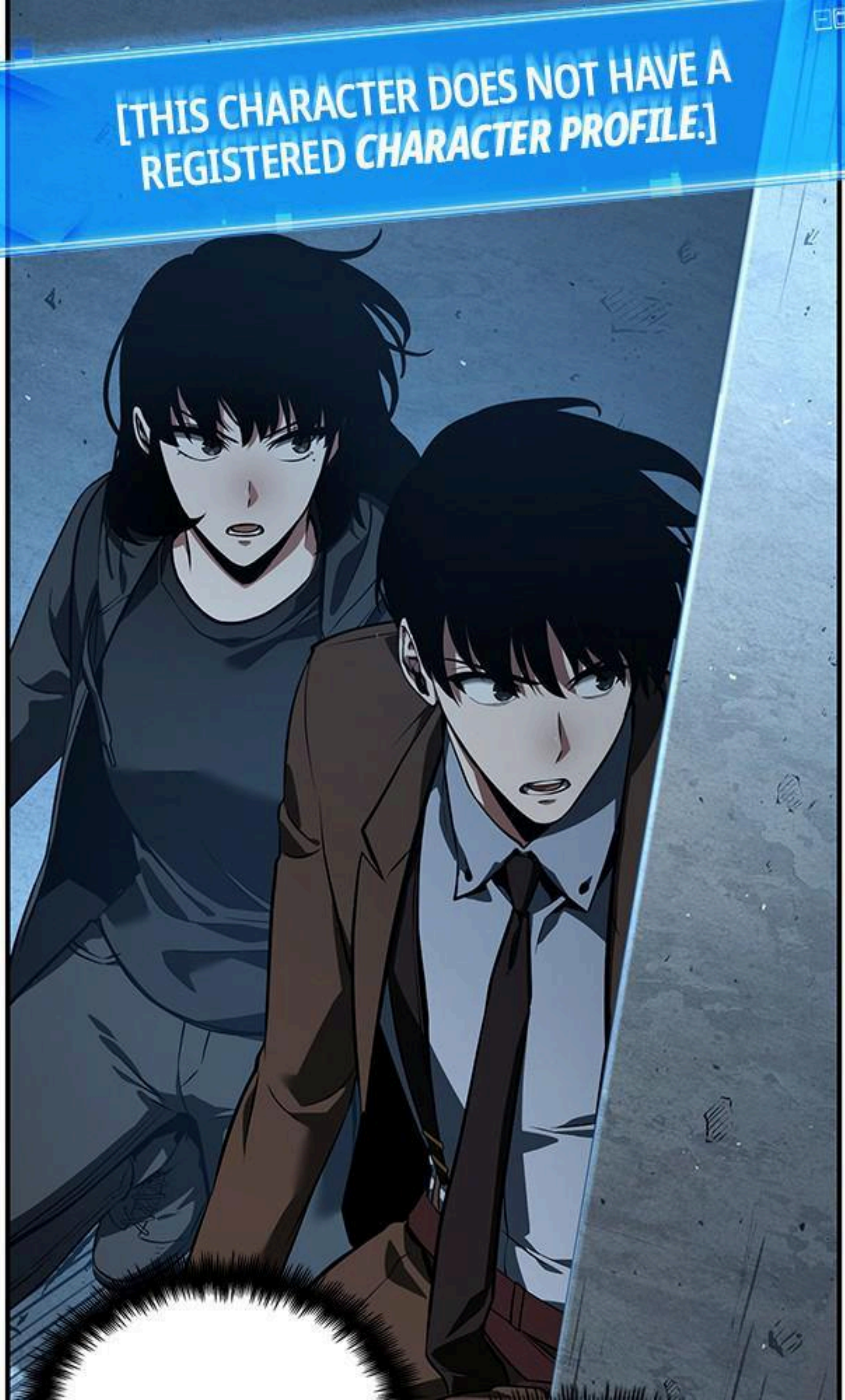
THEY LOOK VAGUELY HUMAN, BUT...

DASH

[PERSONAL SKILL, *CHARACTER PROFILE*, ACTIVATED!]



[THIS CHARACTER DOES NOT HAVE A REGISTERED *CHARACTER PROFILE*.]



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THEY'RE NOT CHARACTERS?!

GRRRR

WHERE ARE THEY?

!!!
THEY'RE...

...HUMANOID DEMONS!

T-THEY'RE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!

FARMS!

ACK!

SLASH

THE WANDERERS ALL HAD THEIR OWN WAY OF SURVIVAL.

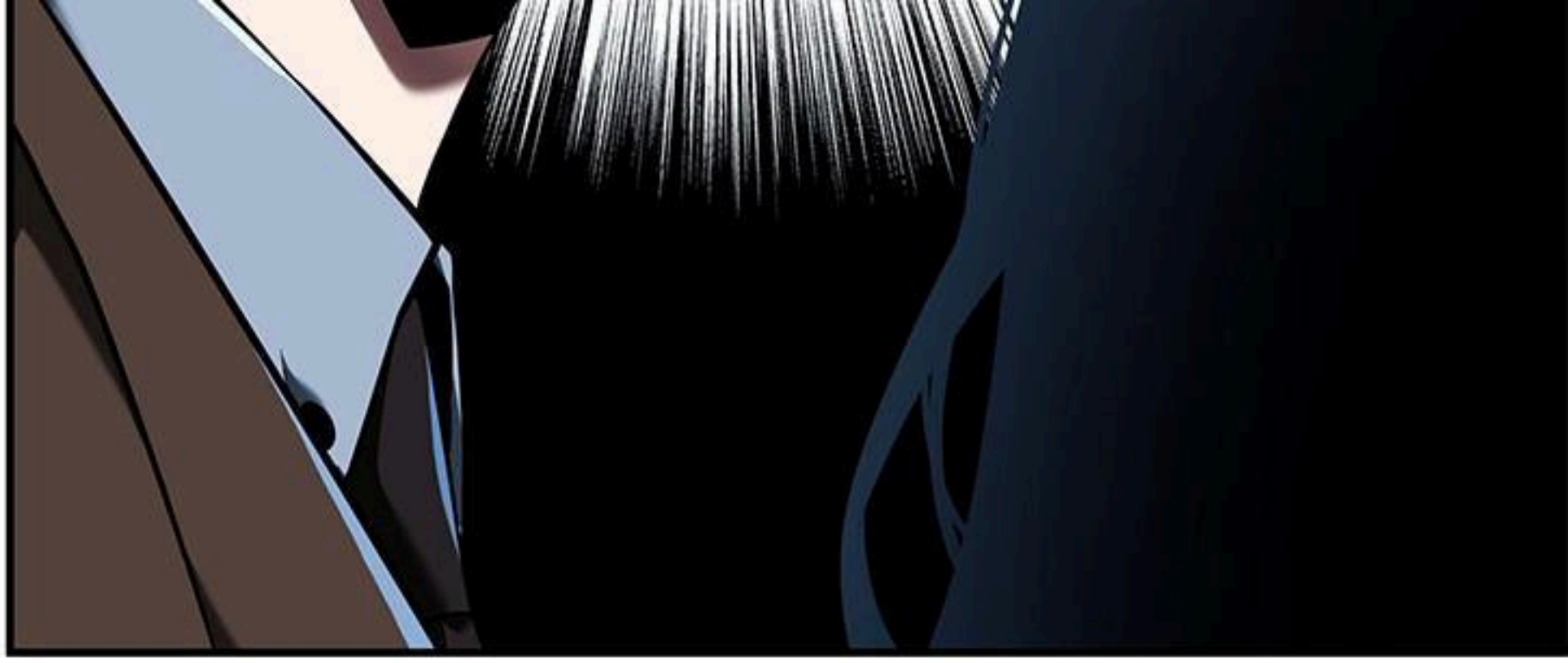
SOME CHOOSE TO REMAIN AS HUMANS AND RUN COIN FARMS...

...WHILE OTHERS GIVE UP THEIR HUMANITY AND LIVE ON AS A NEW SPECIES.

THEY MUST HAVE USED THE METEORITE.

I KNOW
HIM.

HE'S A RENOUNCER.



HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
GROWL

I CAN JUST TELL. IT'S MY POWER AS THE LAST RENOUNCER.

I CAN SEE THE STATS AND ATTRIBUTES OF ALL THE OTHER RENOUNCERS.

COME TO THINK OF IT, MINSEOB

MENTIONED THAT...

THE FIRST DISCIPLE CAME TO SEE HIM AS SOON AS THE SCENARIO BEGAN.

IT WAS BECAUSE SHE COULD SPOT OTHER RENOUNCERS WITH HER SKILL.

THAT'S WHY I WAS SUSPICIOUS OF YOU.

GLARE

IS THAT RIGHT?

MY SKILL DIDN'T WORK ON YOU WHEN YOU WERE OBVIOUSLY A RENOUNCER.

THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO JOIN ME.

AND
HE'S ONE
OF THEM.

I DIDN'T GIVE IT MUCH THOUGHT BECAUSE MOST DIED RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING,

BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW.

SO WHAT

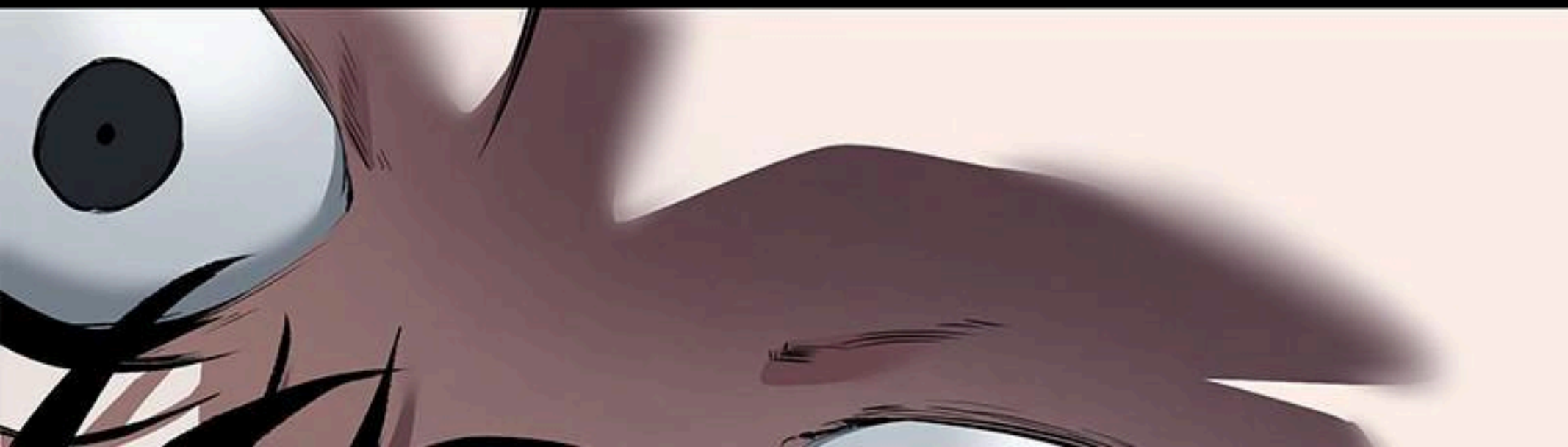
SO WHAT THE HELL IS HE SUPPOSED TO BE?

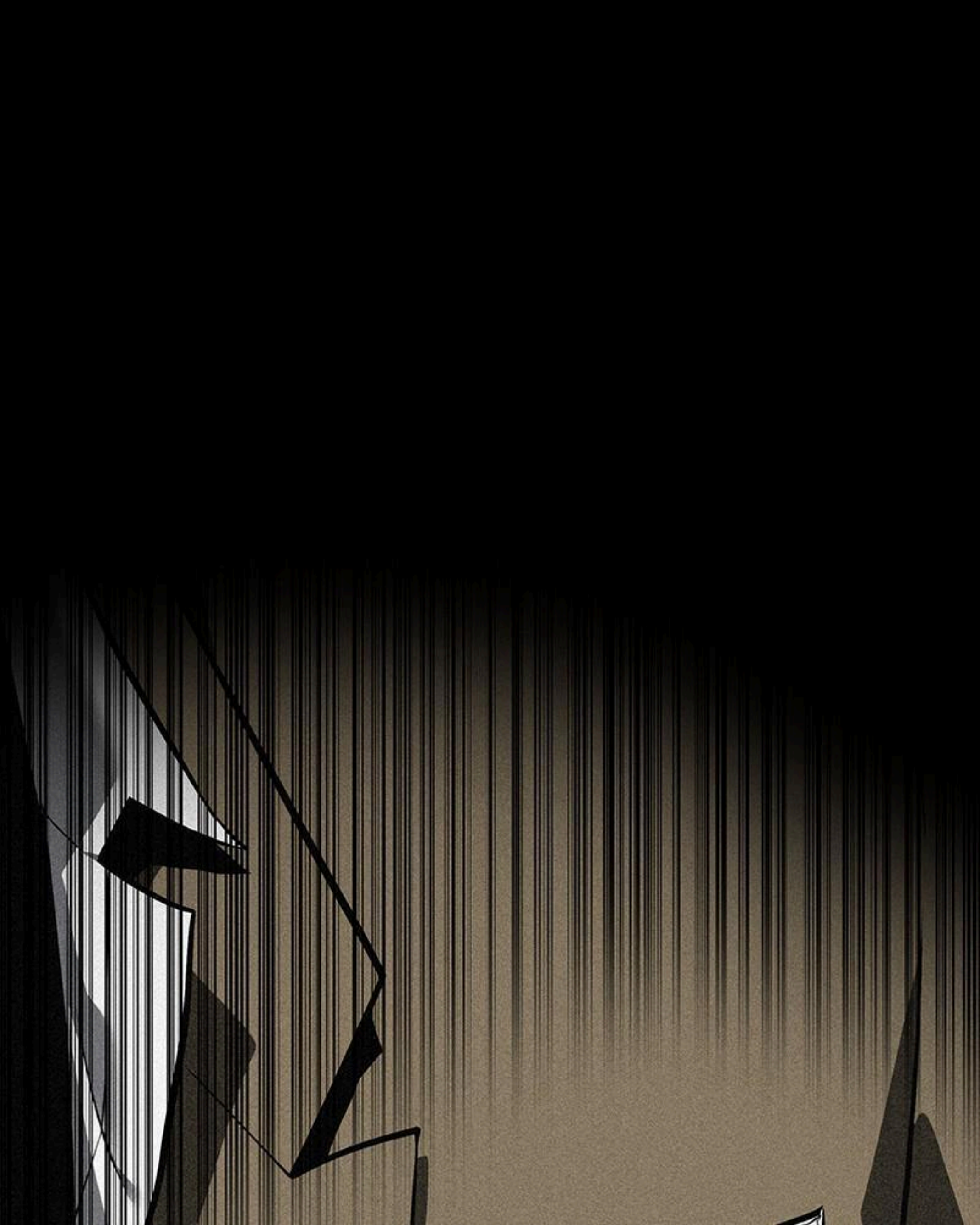
HIS NAME IS MINU SONG.

MINU SONG?

HE'S NOT A CHARACTER, BUT I'VE DEFINITELY HAVE HEARD OF THAT NAME...

...BEFORE.



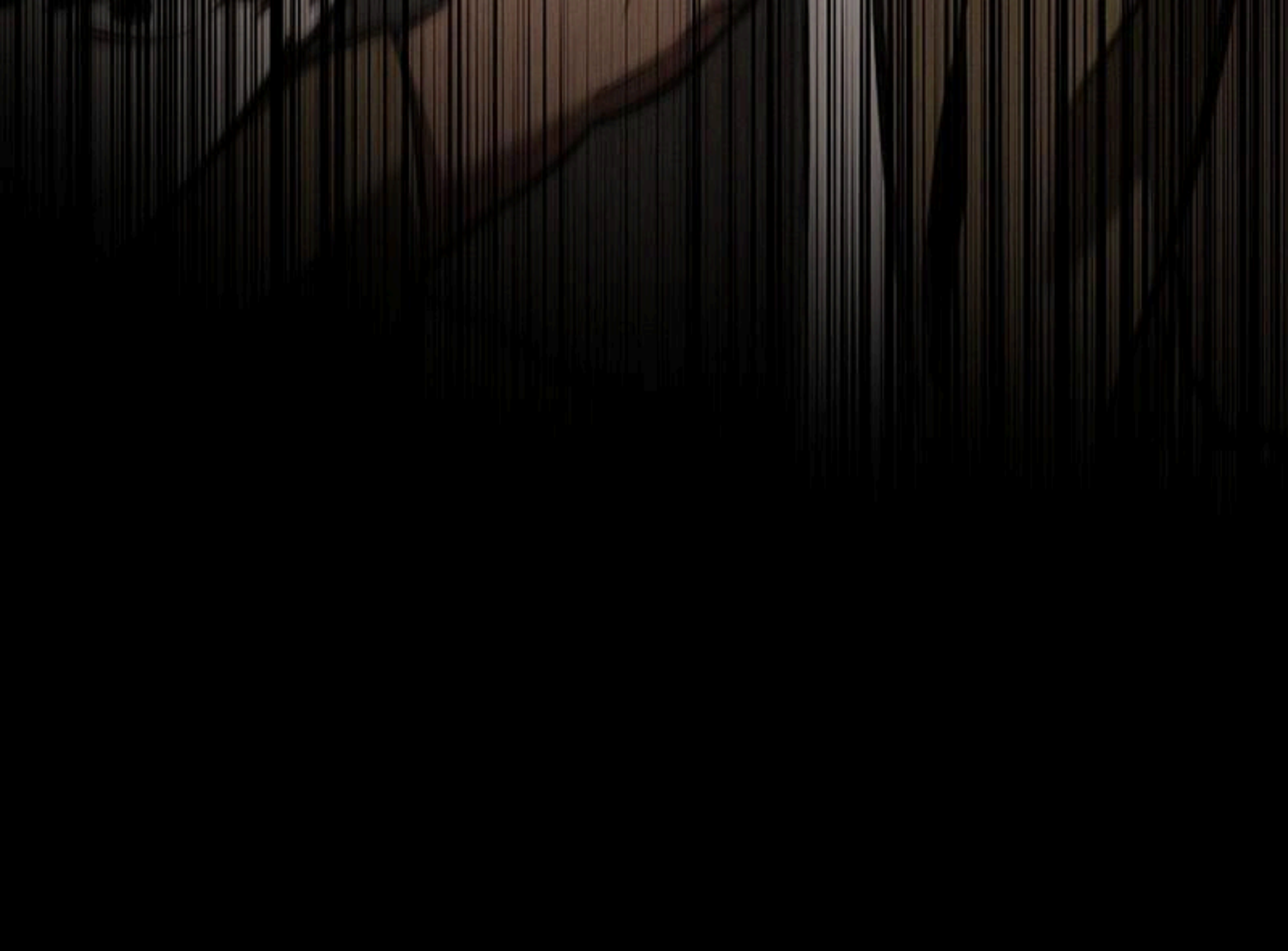


MINU SONG

SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM.

HE'S NOT LIKE THE OTHER RENOUNCERS.

USING MY SKILL ON HIM, IT SAYS...



...HE'S A
RENOUNCER
WHO'S ONLY READ
CHAPTER 173.

I'VE FOUND YOU.

[TIER 6 HUMANOID DEMON, *WEREWOLF MINU SONG*, IS CHECKING ITS SURROUNDINGS.]

<SUB SCENARIO - SURVIVAL ACTIVITIES>

CATEGORY: SUB

DIFFICULTY: C+

CLEAR CONDITIONS:

SURVIVE IN THE RUINED CITY FOR TEN DAYS. YOU MUST:
1. EAT THREE MEALS A DAY
2. SLEEP FOR SIX HOURS EVERY NIGHT
3. PAY A SURVIVAL FEE OF 500 COINS BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP

IF YOU FAIL TO PERFORM ANY OF THE THREE CONDITIONS, YOU WILL BE MET WITH A PENALTY.

DURATION: TEN DAYS

REWARD: NONE

PENALTY UPON FAILURE: DEATH

* THIS IS A SCENARIO WHERE THE [COIN EVENT] IS APPLIED.

* ALL MONSTERS THAT APPEAR DURING THE SCENARIO HAVE A CHANCE TO DROP COINS WHEN DEFEATED.

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HEY, DOKJA.
DIDN'T YOU
HEAR ME?

STOP

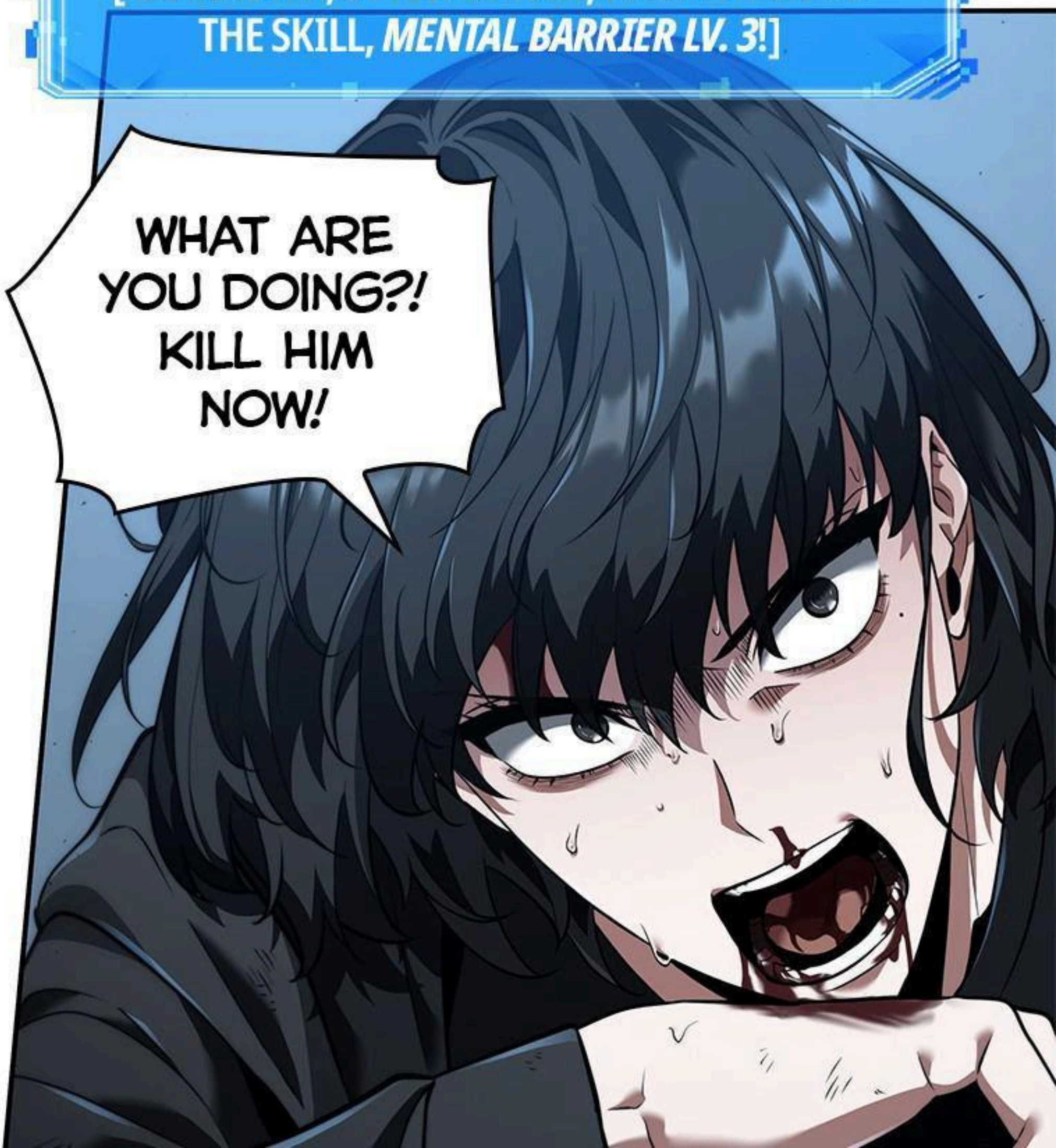
READING THAT CRAP, AND GO GET US SOME SNACKS.

ACK!

WAS IT YOU
WHO DESTROYED
MY COIN FARM?

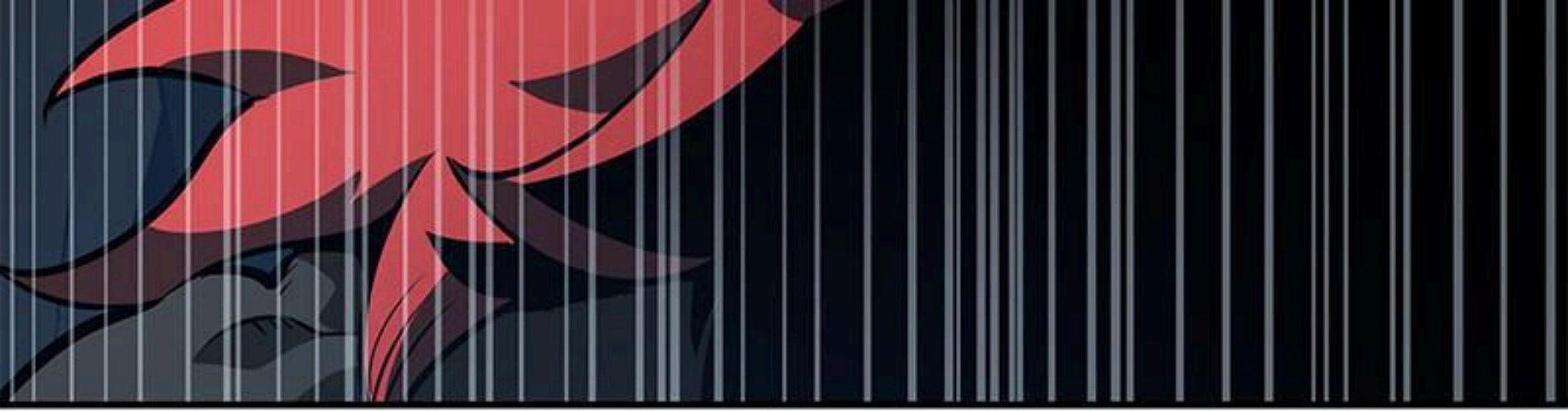
COUGH
COUGH
[TIER 6 HUMANOID DEMON, *WEREWOLF MINU SONG*, HAS ACTIVATEDTHE SKILL, *CARNIVOROUS THREAT LV. 5*!]

[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS ACTIVATED THE SKILL, *MENTAL BARRIER LV. 3*!]



[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS PARTLY NULLIFIED THE EFFECTS OF *CARNIVOROUS THREAT*!]

DOKJA!



[YOUR MOVEMENT HAS BEEN SLOWED
DUE TO THE EFFECT OF *CARNIVOROUS THREAT*.]

BY THE WAY HE TALKS,

IT'S UNDOUBTEDLY

MINU SONG.

BUT HOW IS HE A *RENOUNCER?*

[YOUR WILL TO FIGHT HAS REDUCED

[YOUR WILL TO FIGHT HAS REDUCED
DUE TO THE EFFECT OF *CARNIVOROUS THREAT*.]

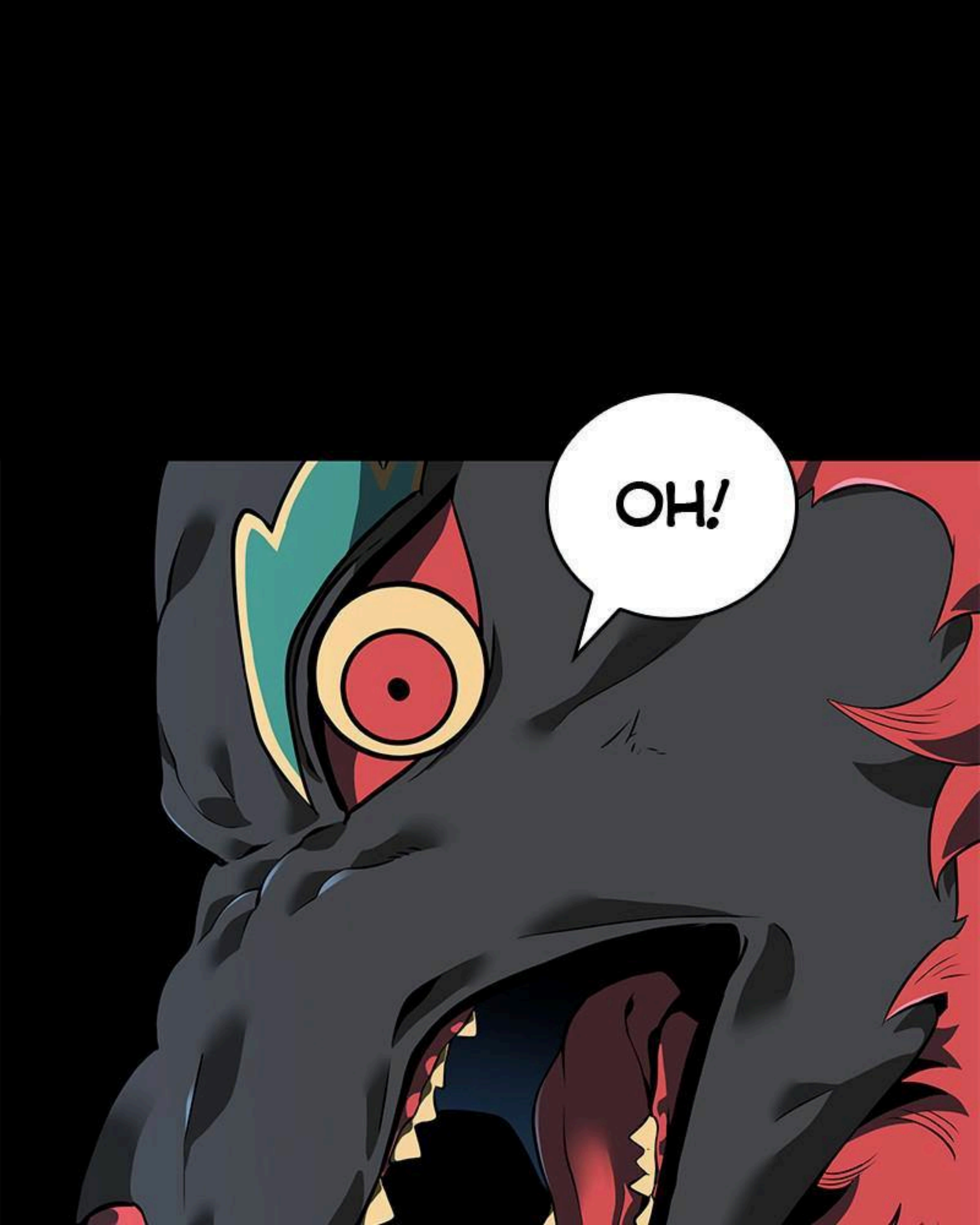
THERE'S NO WAY A JOCK LIKE HIM WOULD HAVE READ THE NOVEL!

YOU LOOK FAMILIAR.

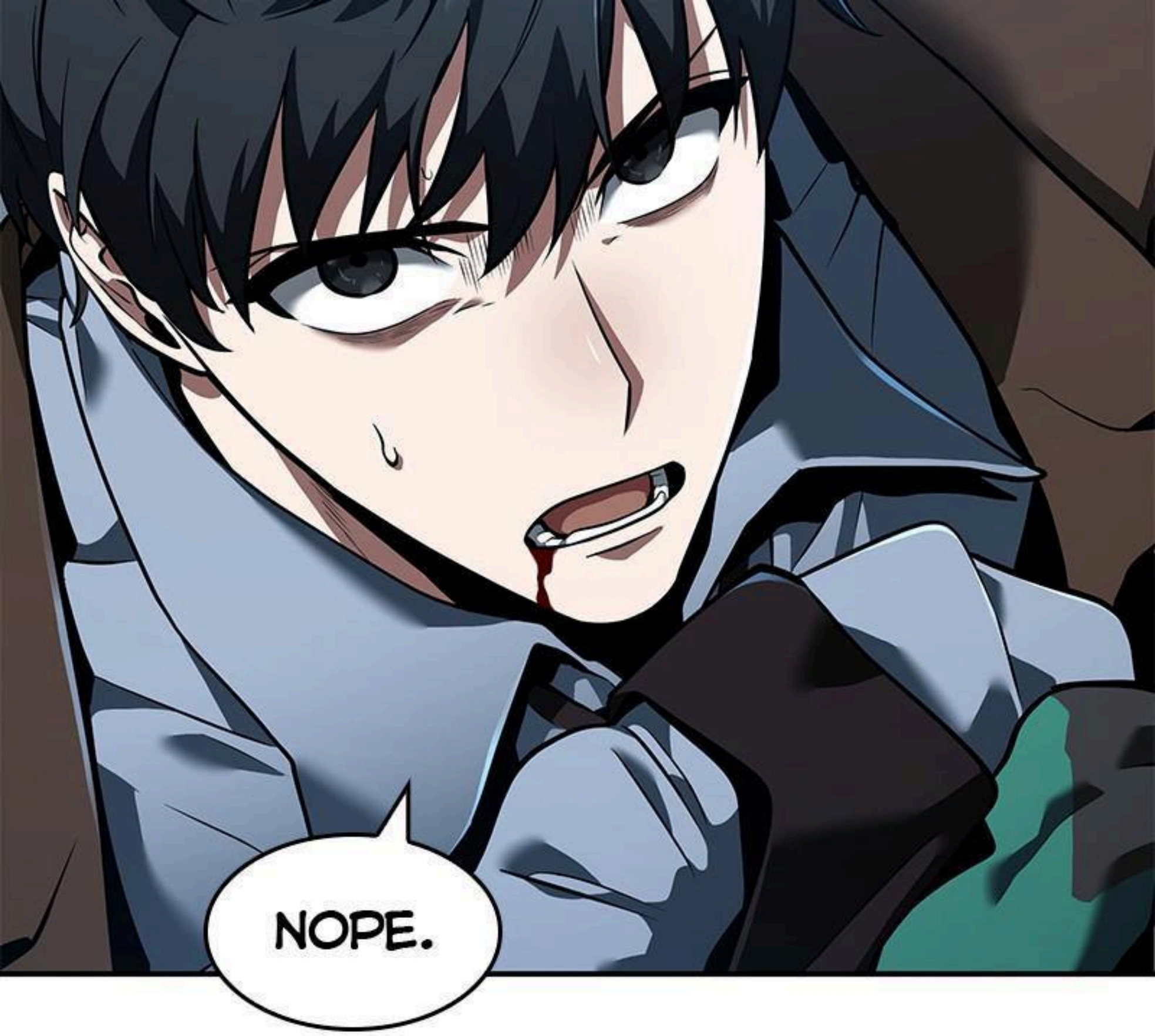
YOU NERD!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU'RE INTO
THIS CRAP.

TEN WAYS TO...
WHAT?

WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT IT?


OH!

I
REMEMBER!
YOU KNOW
ME, RIGHT?


NOPE.

REALLY?
I THINK YOU
DO.

COULD IT BE BECAUSE HE READ THE NOVEL THEN...?

[YOUR WILL TO FIGHT HAS REDUCED DUE TO THE EFFECT OF *CARNIVOROUS THREAT*.]

WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT A LOSER LIKE YOU WOULD

SURVIVE THIS LONG?

YOU WERE ALWAYS READING THAT THING.

MY ARMS HAVE GONE WEAK.

TIER 6 HUMANOIDS MAY BE STRONG,

BUT I'VE EVEN MANAGED TO BEAT A TIER 5 FIRE DRAGON.

I CAN'T LOSE TO SOMEONE LIKE HIM!

I'M MINU SONG, YOUR HIGH SCHOOL BUDDY!

THIS IS GREAT.

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE STILL ALIVE.

LET'S GET
IT TOGETHER.
I STILL HAVE...

[PERSONAL SKILL,
THE FOURTH WALL, IS SHAKING.]

...THE FOURTH WALL SKILL.

I FINALLY GET IT.

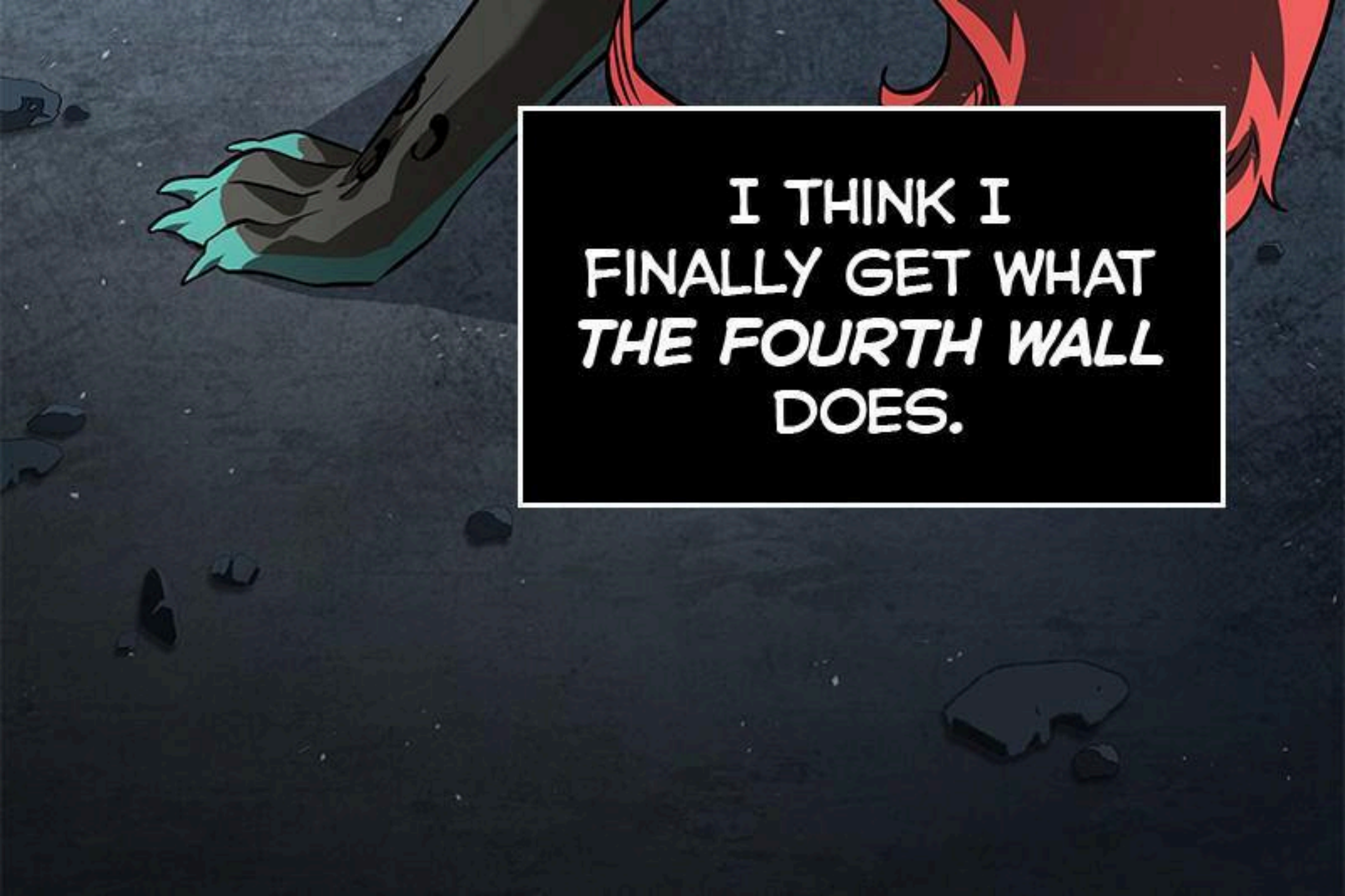
IT'S NOT THAT HE'S STRONG...
THE PROBLEM IS WITH ME.

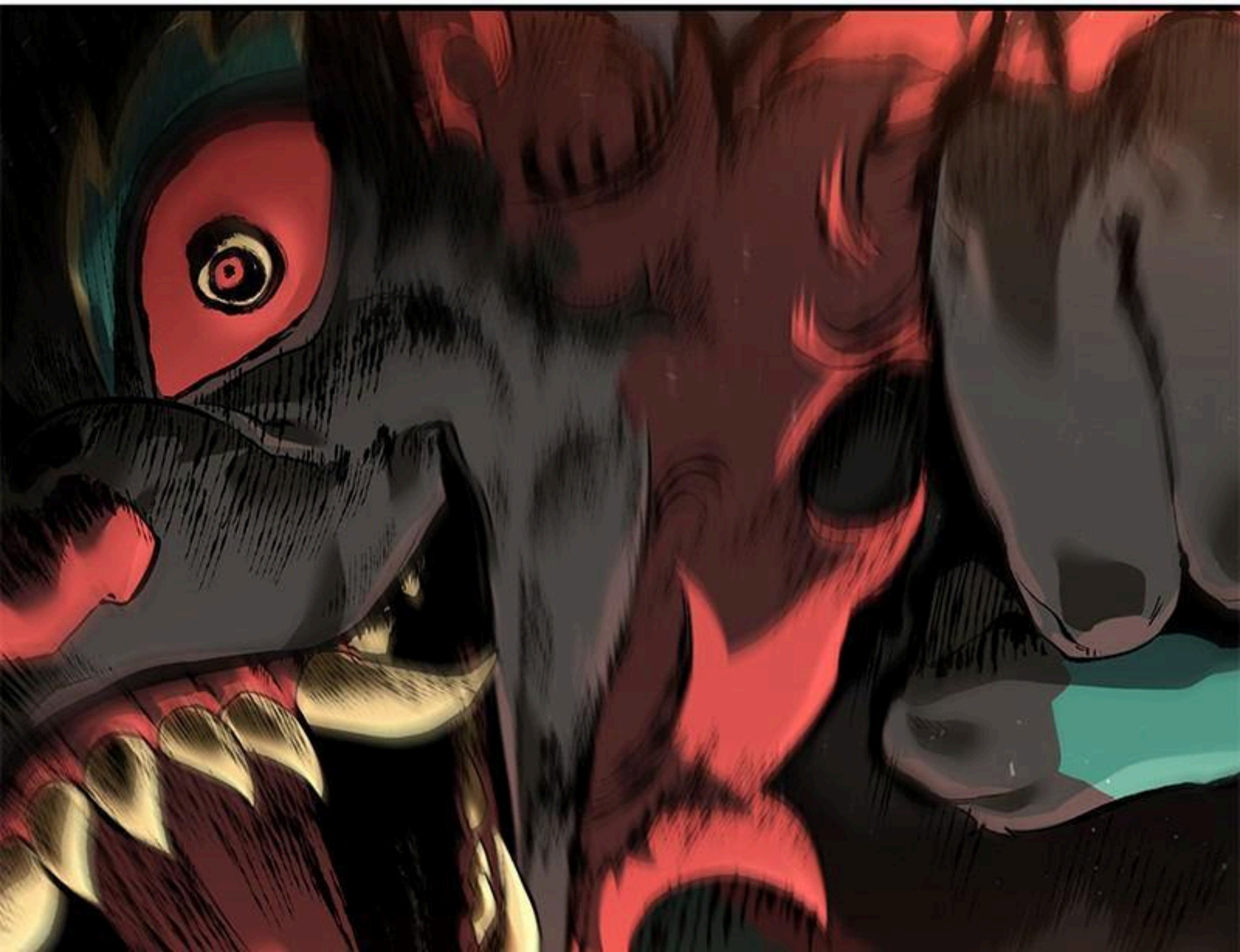
THE SKILL

DIDN'T WORK PROPERLY THAT TIME...

WHEN I ENTERED JUNGHYEOK'S BODY IN THE FIRST PERSON POV.

DAMN IT.


I THINK I FINALLY GET WHAT *THE FOURTH WALL* DOES.



YOU KNOW THAT THING YOU USED TO READ?

[PERSONAL SKILL, *THE FOURTH WALL*, IS SHAKING.]

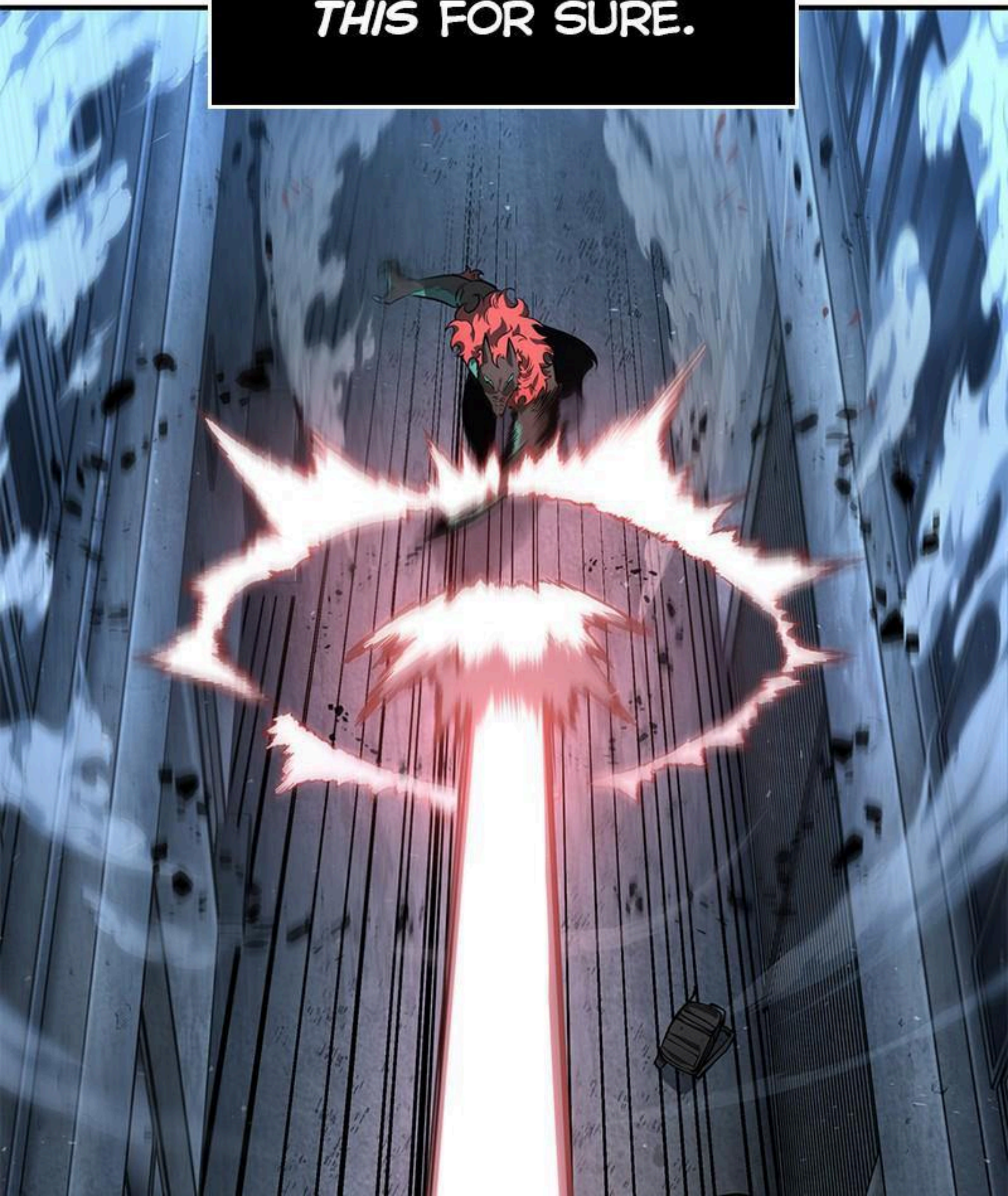
WHERE CAN I READ THE REST OF IT?

[THE FOURTH WALL].

I'VE HAD THIS PERSONAL SKILL FROM THE BEGINNING.

I STILL DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING THAT IT CAN DO,

BUT I DO KNOW
THIS FOR SURE.



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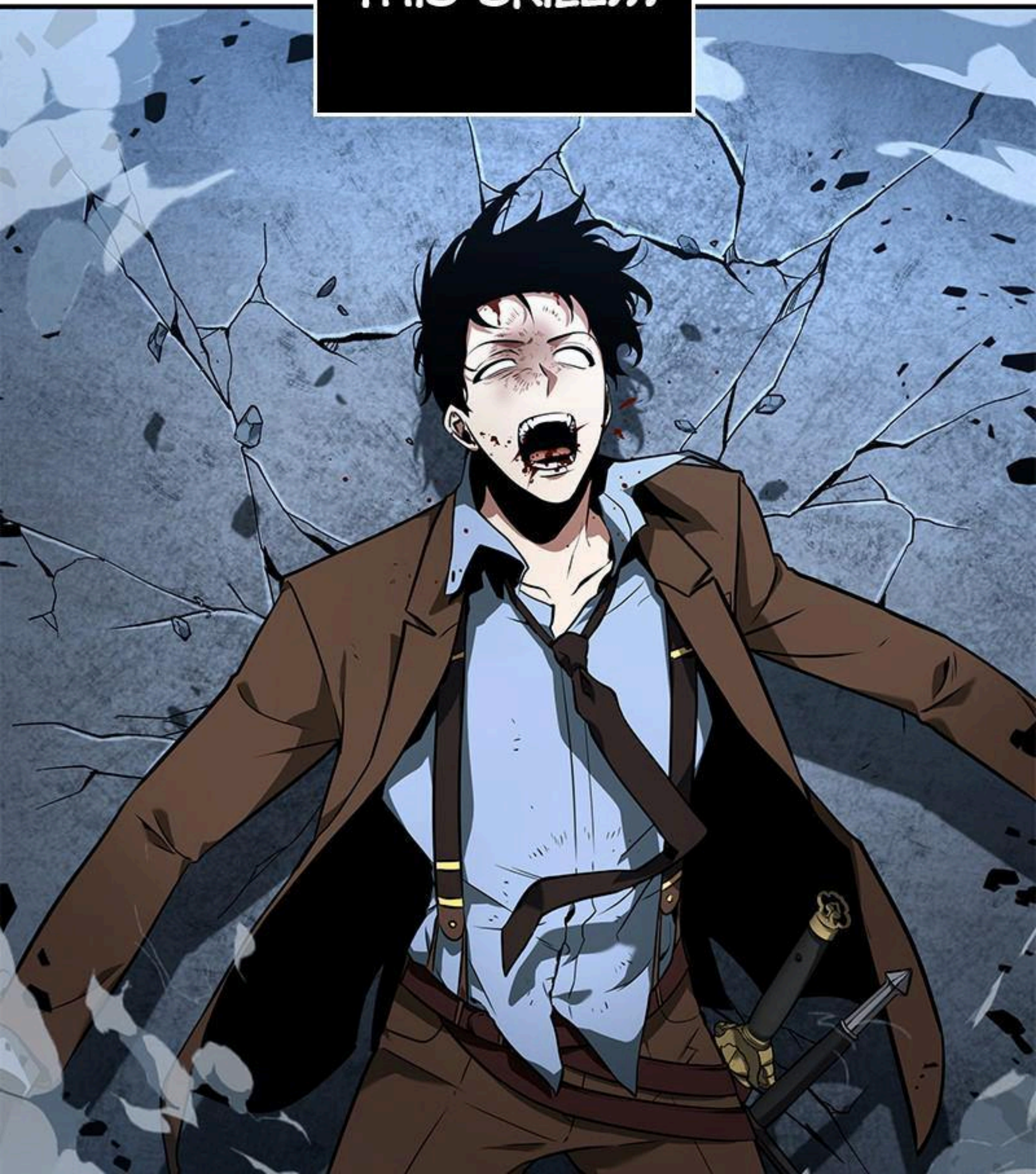
THIS SKILL...



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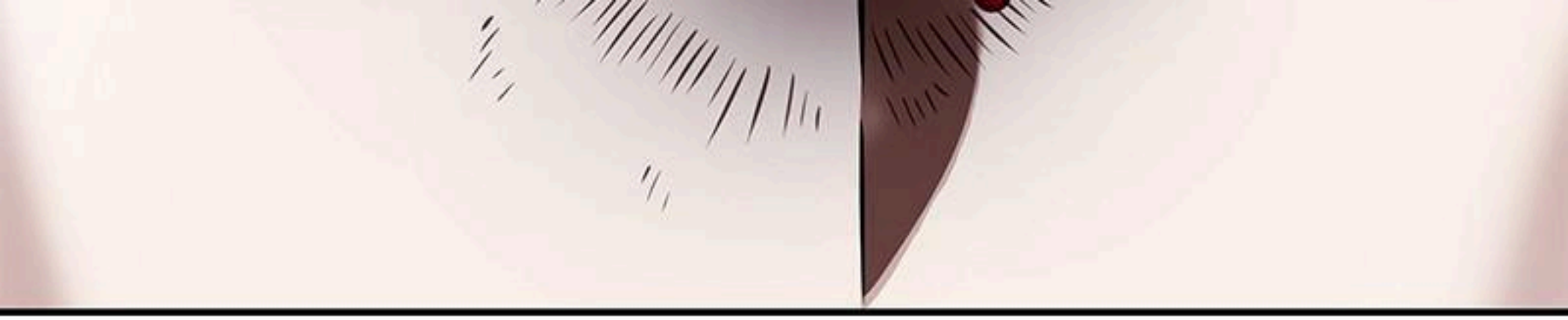
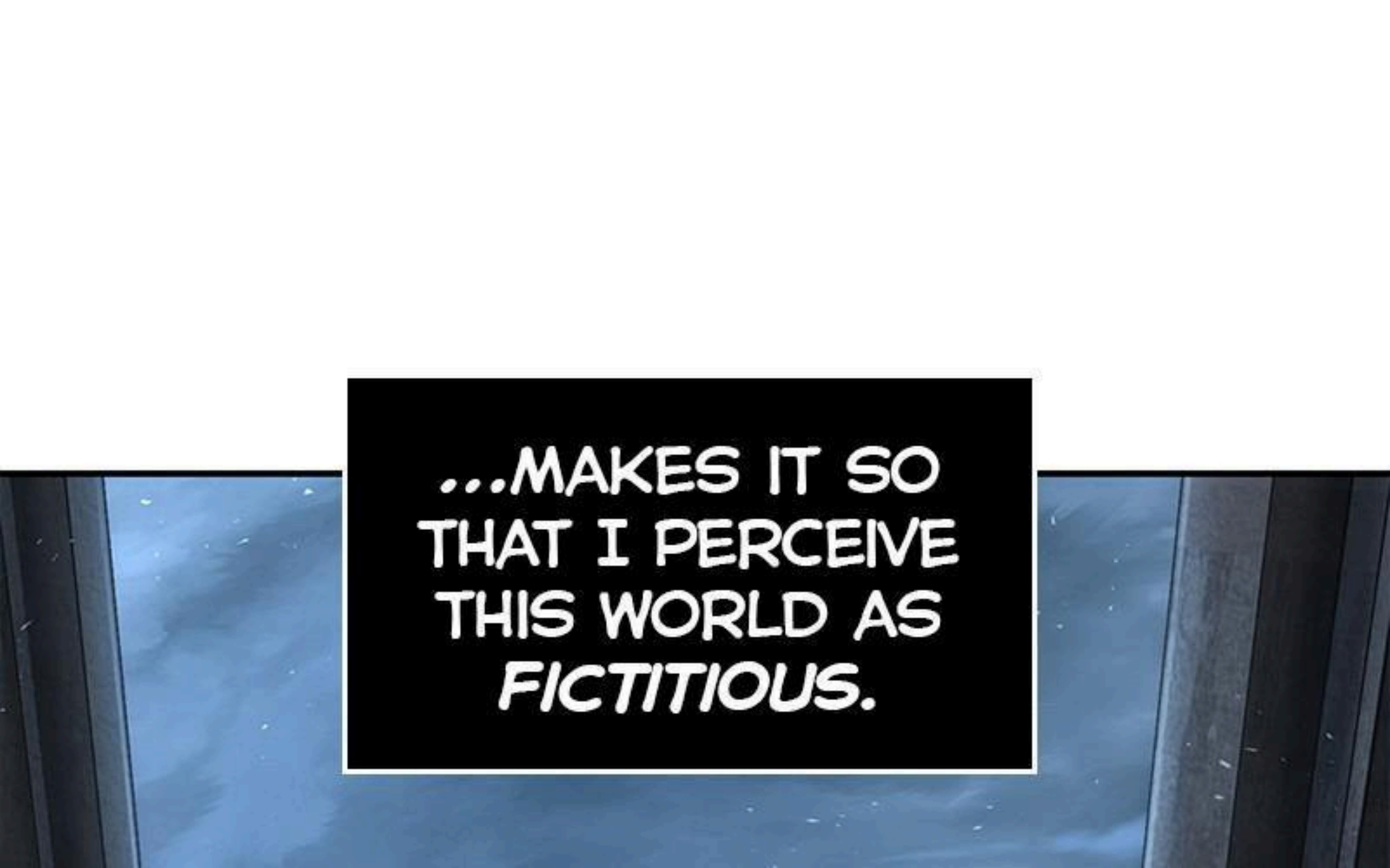



...MAKES IT SO THAT I PERCEIVE THIS WORLD AS FICTITIOUS.

CRACK

THE OMEN OF THE GREAT HALL...

LOOKS LIKE A REGULAR OLD RAIN CLOUD.

IS IT GOING
TO RAIN AGAIN?

UNLIKE THE REAL WORLD, I WAS ABLE TO MAKE QUICK DECISIONS...

AS IF I WERE LOOKING

I WERE LOOKING
AT MYSELF FROM
AN OUTSIDER'S
PERSPECTIVE.

IT WAS ALL POSSIBLE...

BECAUSE I HAD *THE FOURTH WALL* SKILL.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

SMACK

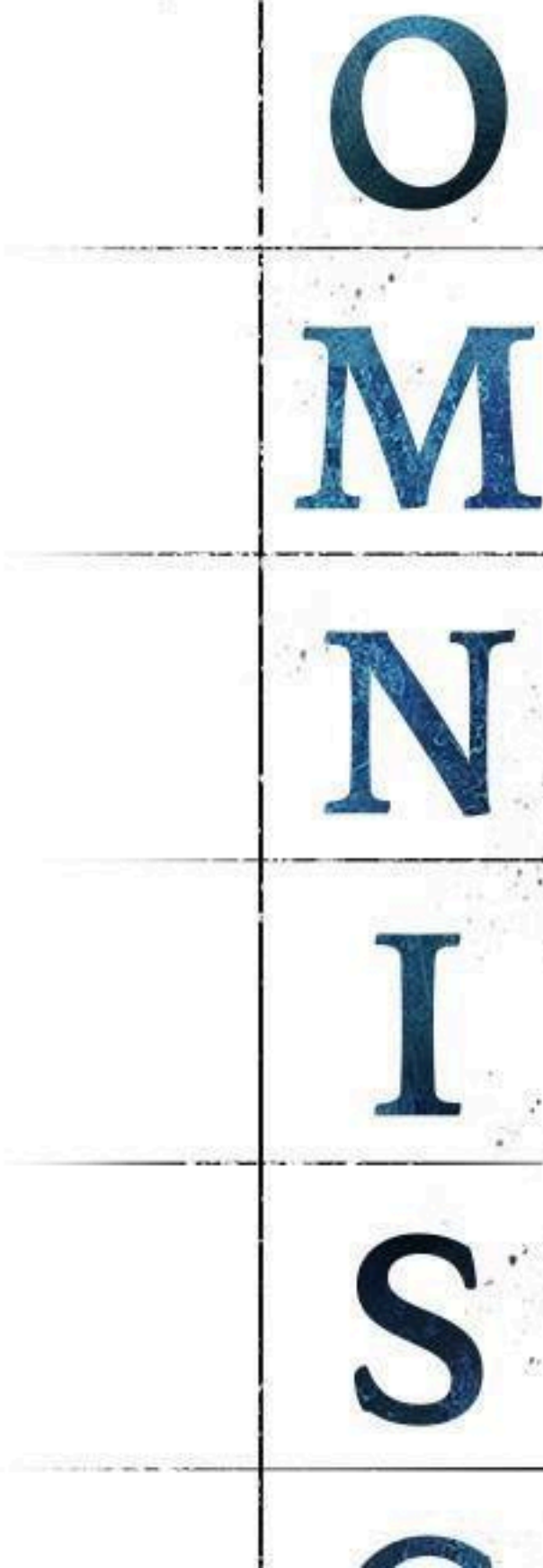
POW

POW

YOU TOLD ME
I COULD COUNT
ON YOU.

DRIP

WHY THE HELL ARE YOU JUST LYING THERE?!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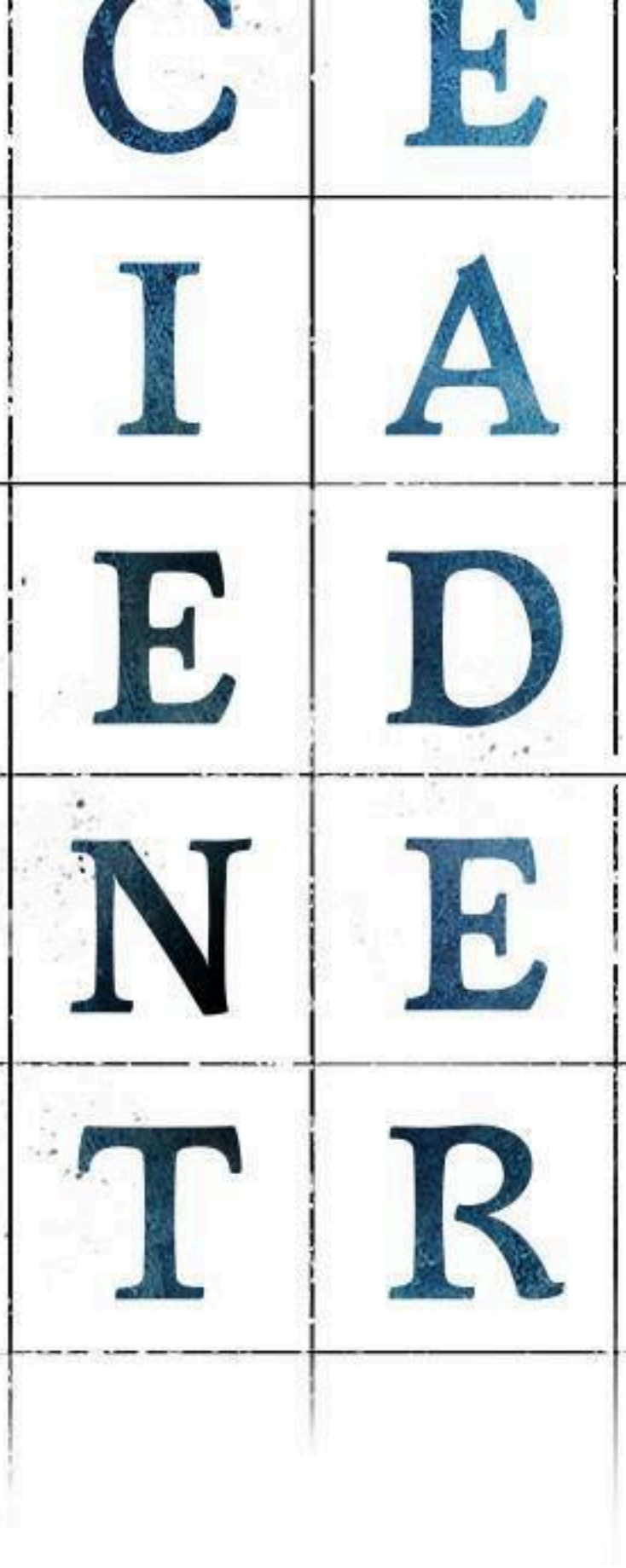

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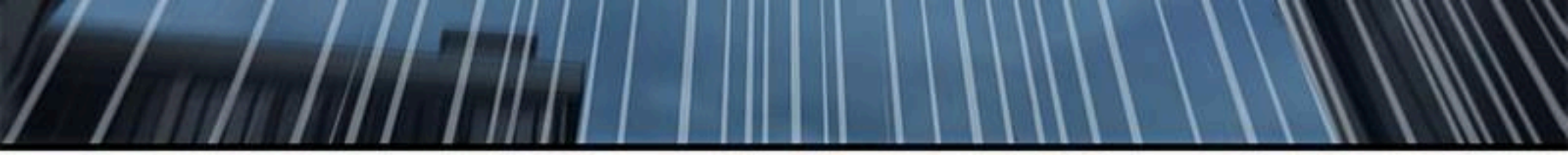
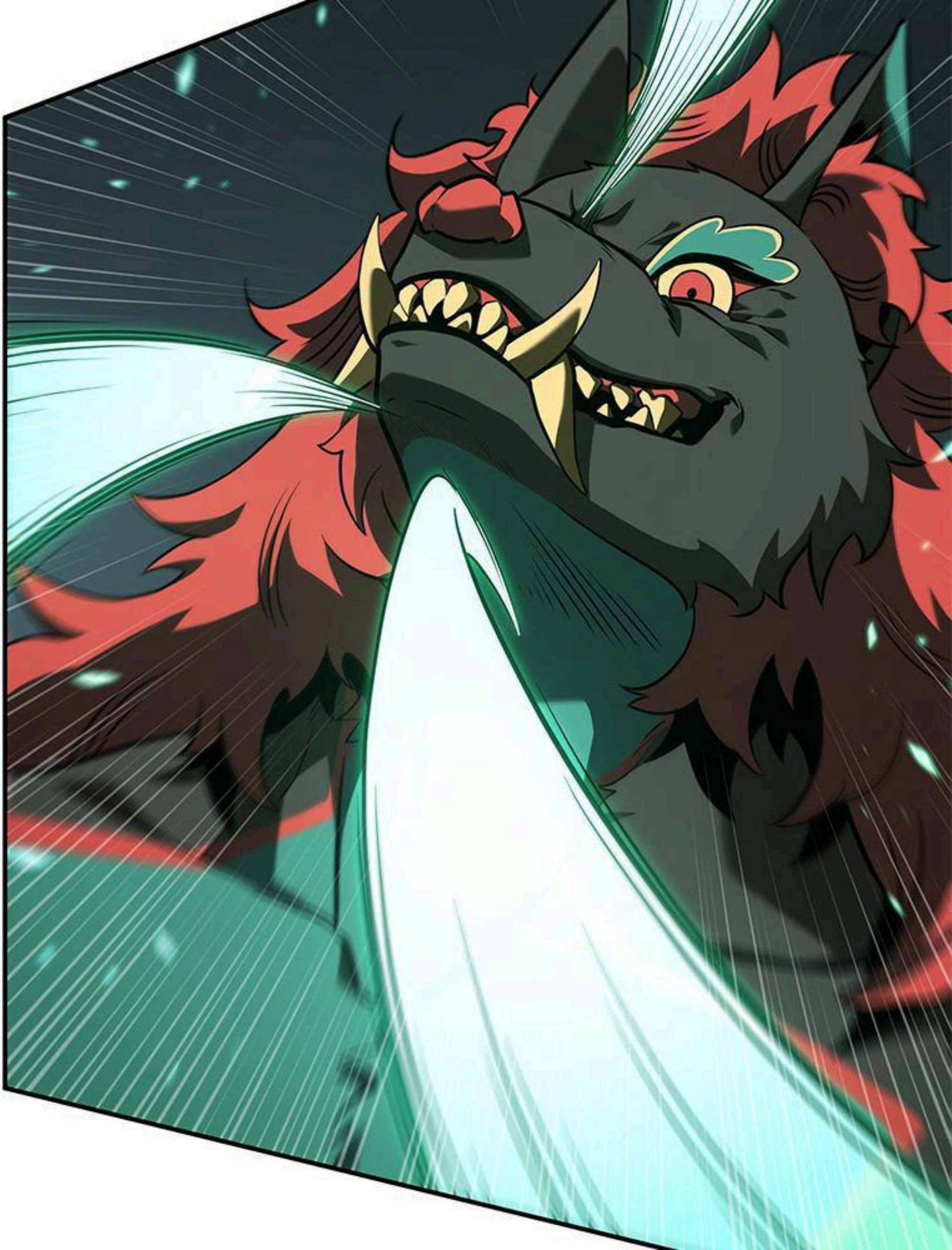


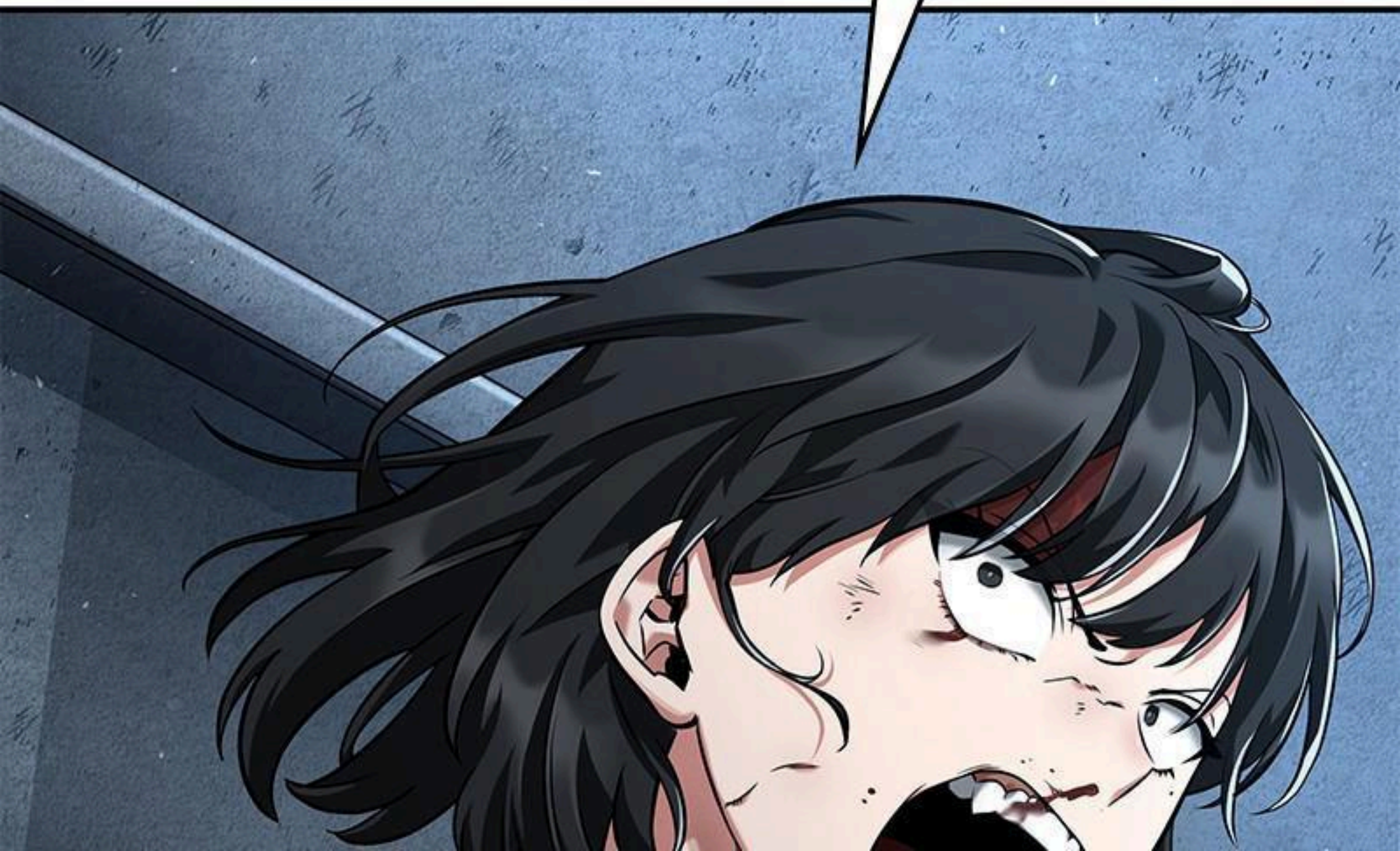


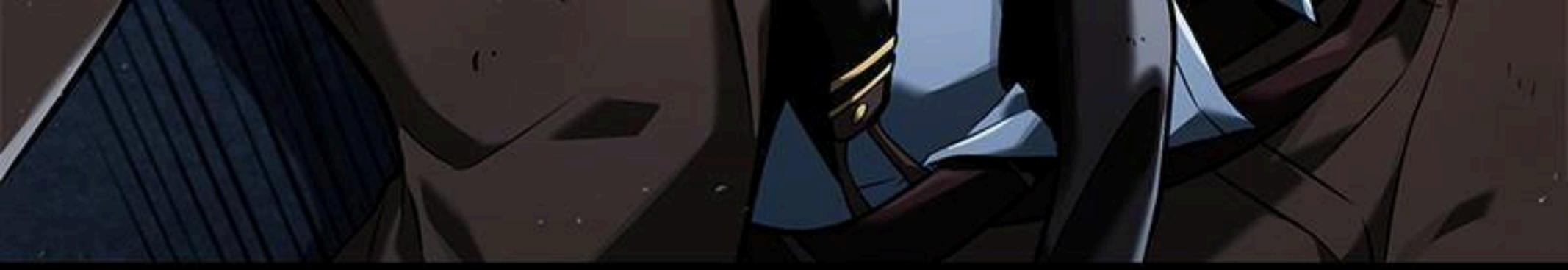
YOU TOLD ME I COULD COUNT ON YOU.

THWACK

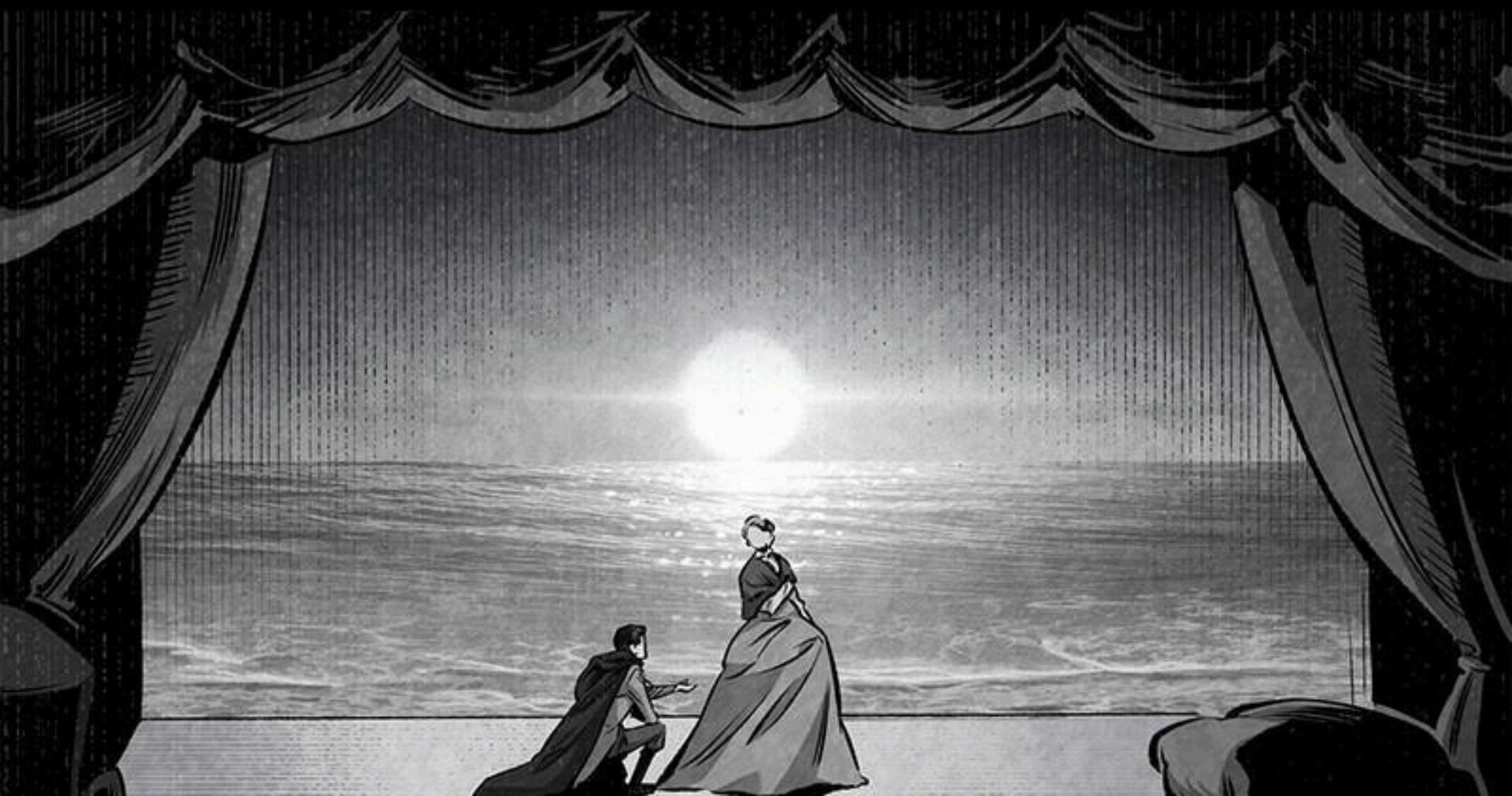
SLASH

WHY THE HELL ARE YOU JUST LYING THERE?!





[THE FOURTH WALL].



IT REFERS TO AN INVISIBLE WALL THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE AUDIENCE AND THE ACTORS ON THE STAGE IN A PLAY.

IT DIVIDES THE TWO GROUPS SO THEY CANNOT INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER.

THE FOURTH WALL SKILL MAKES ME PERCEIVE REALITY AS A NOVEL.

OW... THAT HURT.

BUT IF IT IS SHAKING...

...THAT MUST BE BECAUSE I RECOGNIZE MINU SONG AS

REALITY.

CRACK

CCC

IT WAS A SPECIAL POWER UP EVENT.

POW

WHAT?

POW

WHERE'S THE FUN IN WINNING SO EASILY ALL THE TIME?

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME ADVERSITY TO MAKE THINGS INTERESTING.

RIGHT. IS THAT WHY YOU WERE PASSED OUT?

PASSED OUT.

HUFF

PUFF

I HAD SOME THINGS TO MULL OVER.

[MANY CONSTELLATIONS ARE RELIEVED.]

DO YOU KNOW THAT GUY?

I DIDN'T MEAN TO EAVESDROP...
BUT I OVERHEARD

WHAT HE SAID.

HUFF

PUFF

YEAH, I DO.
HE TRAUMATIZED ME A LITTLE WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

HE TRAUMATIZED YOU A LITTLE?

THAT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE.

PTUI

SO,
WHAT IS IT?
YOU CAN TELL
ME. LET BIG SIS
HELP YOU OUT.

DON'T PEOPLE
SUDDENLY POWER UP
WITH A FEW WORDS
OF ENCOURAGEMENT
IN *TWSA*?

I'M NOT
HYEONSEONG
LEE.

IT HURTS MORE THAN USUAL WHERE I WAS HIT.

THROB
I ALMOST FORGOT THAT *THE FOURTH WALL* ALSO WORKS TO ALLEVIATE PAIN.

LOOK AT HIM, DOKJA.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT THING IS HUMAN.

THE MINU SONG WHO USED TO BULLY YOU IS NO MORE.

WHAT YOU

WHAT YOU SEE IN FRONT OF YOU IS JUST A HUMANOID MONSTER.

AND I'M 28 YEARS OLD NOW.

I'M NO LONGER THE 17-YEAR-OLD WHOSE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS HIS SCHOOL BULLY.

[A CONSTELLATION WHO LIKES REVENGE PLOTS HAS REVEALED HIS NICKNAME.]

[CONSTELLATION, ***THE ONE WHO OVERCAME THE TRIALS A LITTLE TOO LATE***, IS ROOTING FOR YOU.]

I CAN'T HAVE *THE FOURTH WALL...*

...SHAKE EVERY TIME I COME ACROSS SOMEONE...

CLENCH

...WHO'S TRAUMATIZED ME!

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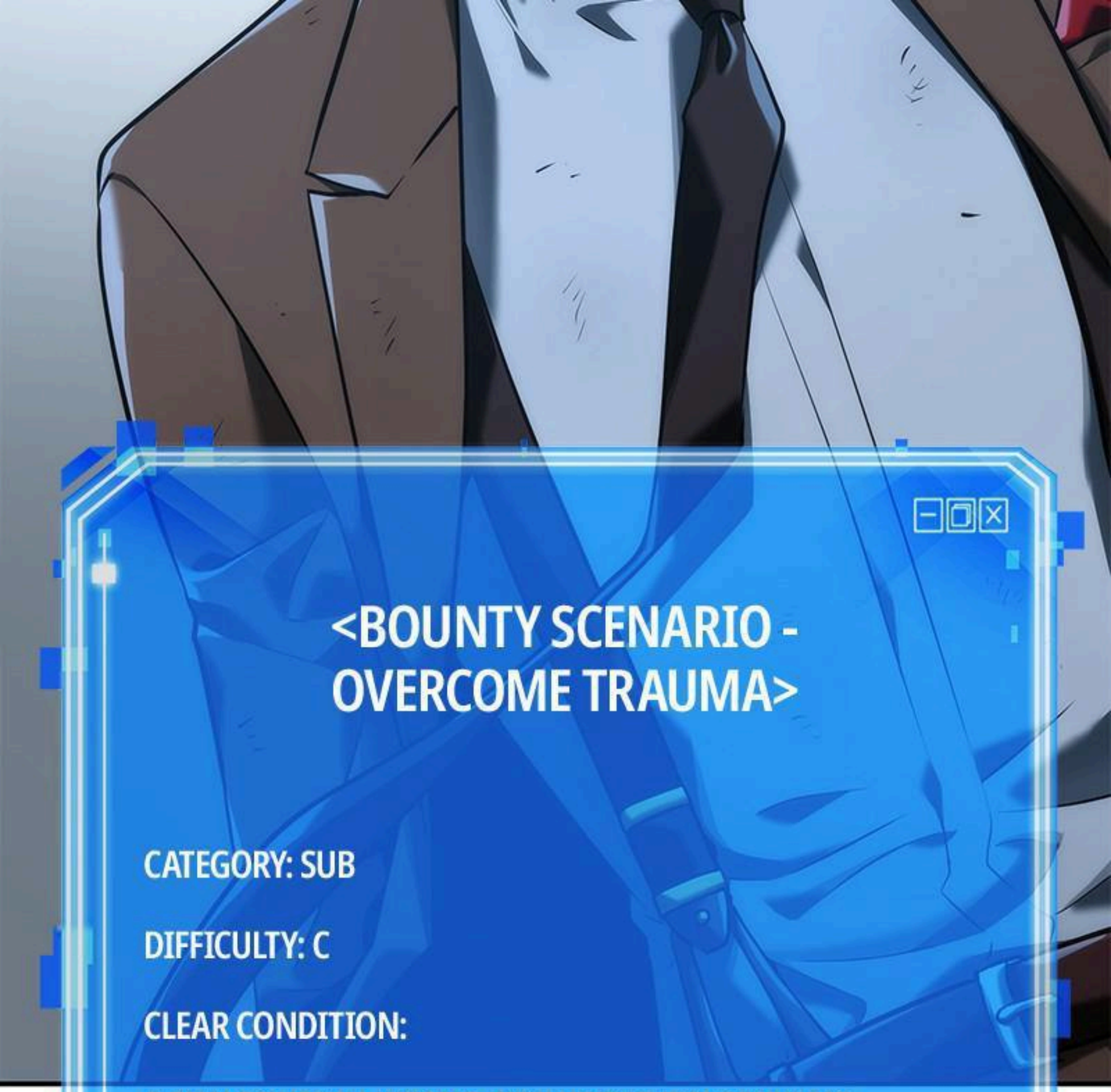
[A BOUNTY SCENARIO HAS BEEN STARTED.]


<BOUNTY SCENARIO -
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CATEGORY: SUB
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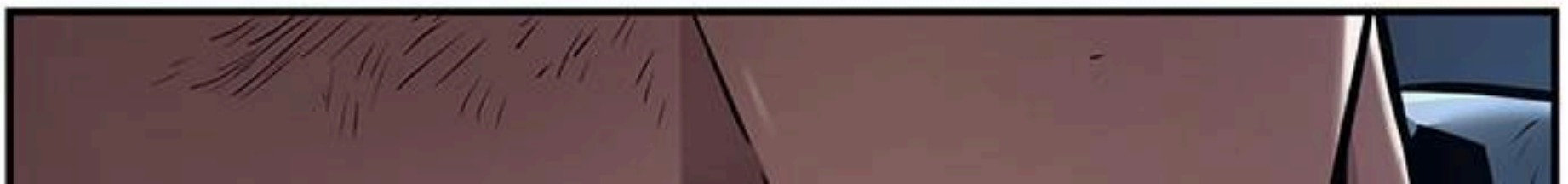
CLEAR CONDITION:
A FEW CONSTELLATIONS, INCLUDING *THE ONE WHO OVERCAME THE TRIALS A LITTLE TOO LATE*, HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU UNDERTAKE A BOUNTY SCENARIO.
OVERCOME YOUR TRAUMA WITHIN THE GIVEN TIME LIMIT AND RID YOURSELF OF THE SPECTER OF YOUR PAST.

TIME LIMIT: ONE HOUR

REWARD: ???

PENALTY FOR FAILURE: YOU WILL BE DESPISED BY ***THE ONE WHO OVERCAME THE TRIALS A LITTLE TOO LATE.***

BOUNTY SCENARIO... OVERCOME TRAUMA?

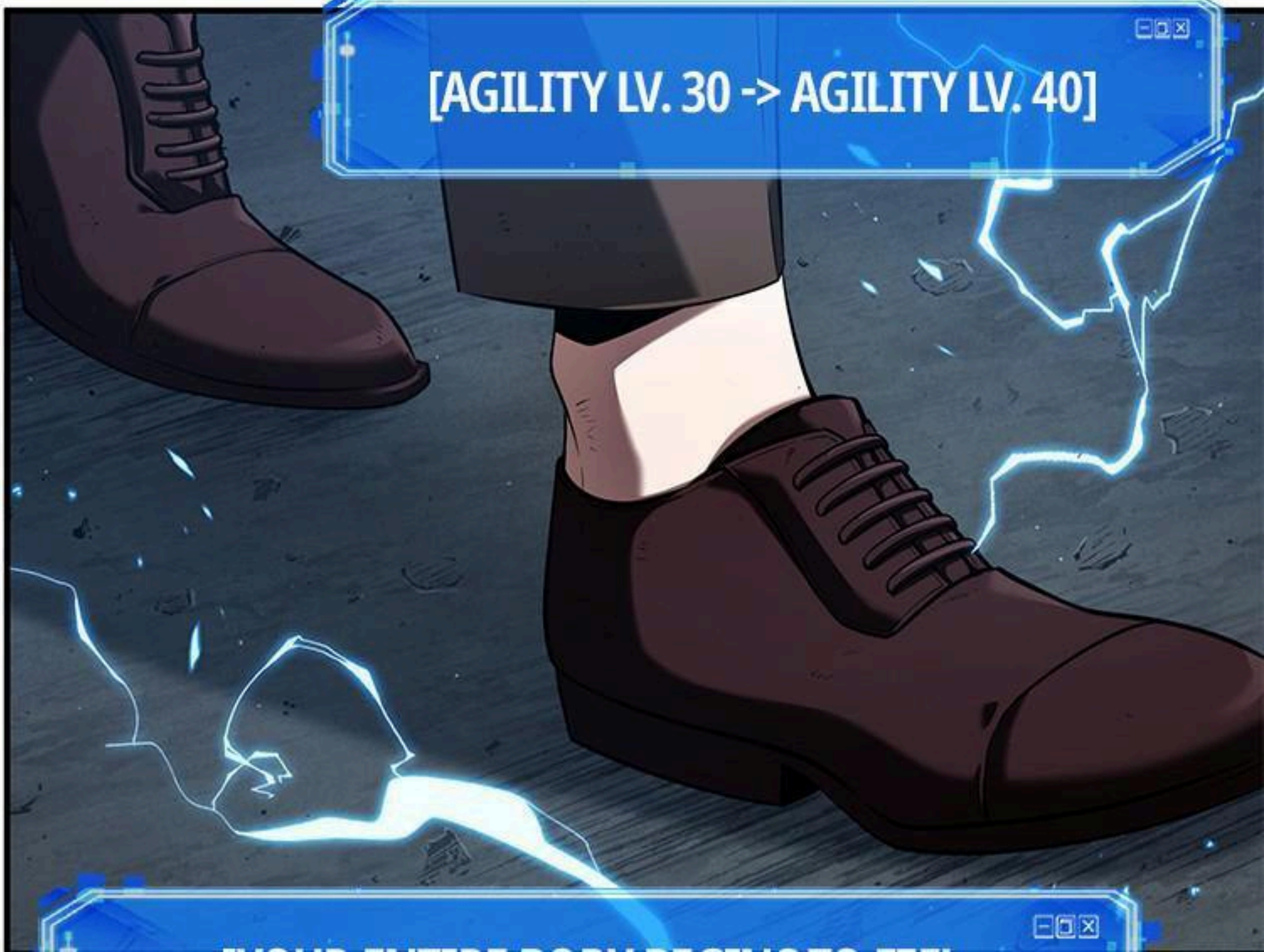


WIPE THAT BLOOD OFF YOUR NOSE AND STAND BACK.

HUFF
WHAT?
PUFF
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.

[YOU HAVE SPENT 6,000 COINS ON AGILITY.]

[AGILITY LV. 30 -> AGILITY LV. 40]



[YOUR ENTIRE BODY BEGINS TO FEEL AS AGILE AS THE WIND.]

[YOU HAVE SPENT 15,500 COINS ON STRENGTH.]

[STRENGTH LV. 25 -> STRENGTH LV. 50]

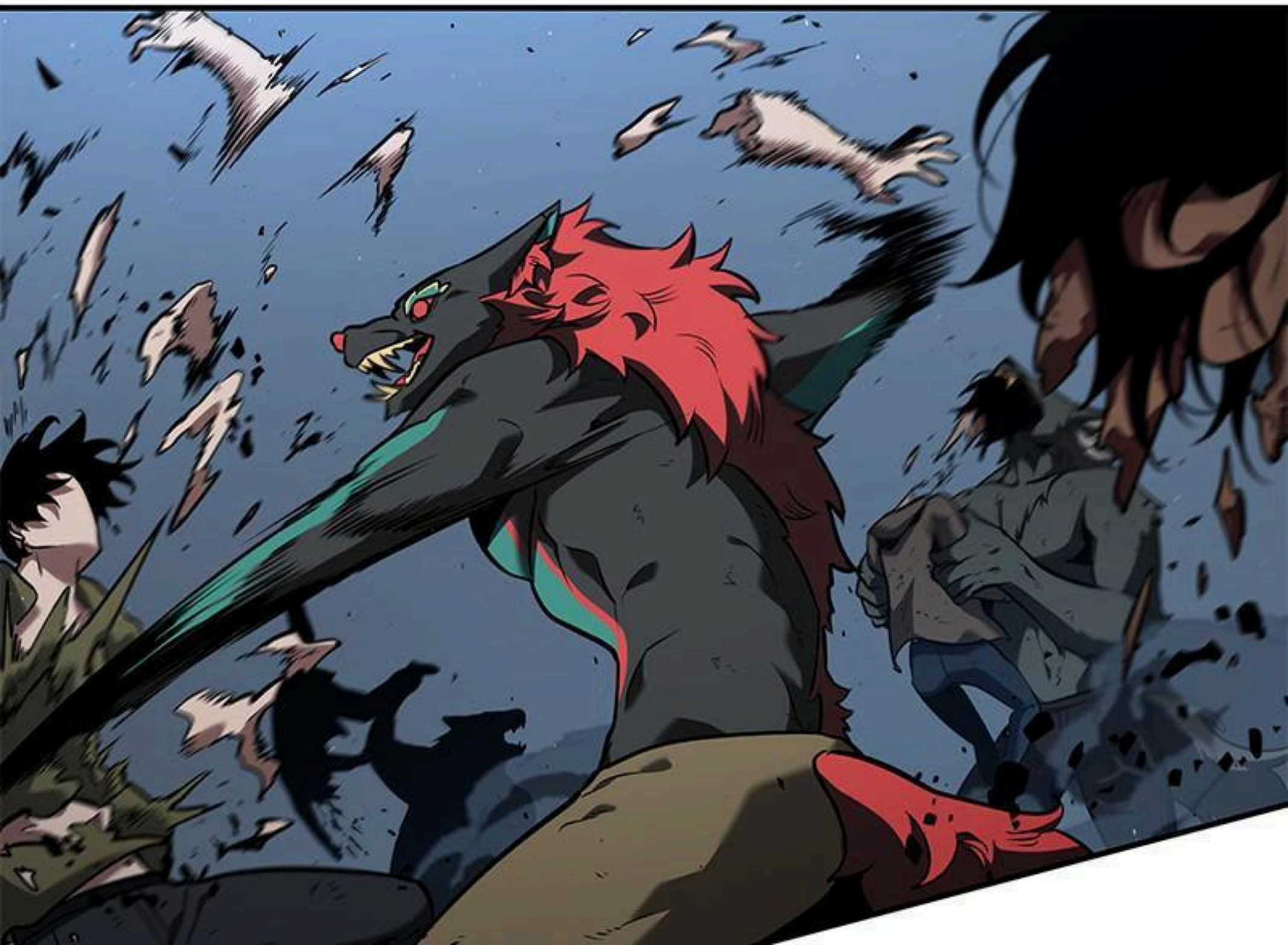
[YOUR MUSCLES ARE BULGING LIKE A MONSTER.]

[*UNBREAKABLE FAITH*'S SPECIAL PROPERTY HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]

[THE ETHER AFFIX HAS CONVERTED TO *HOLY*.]

HEY,
ARE YOU

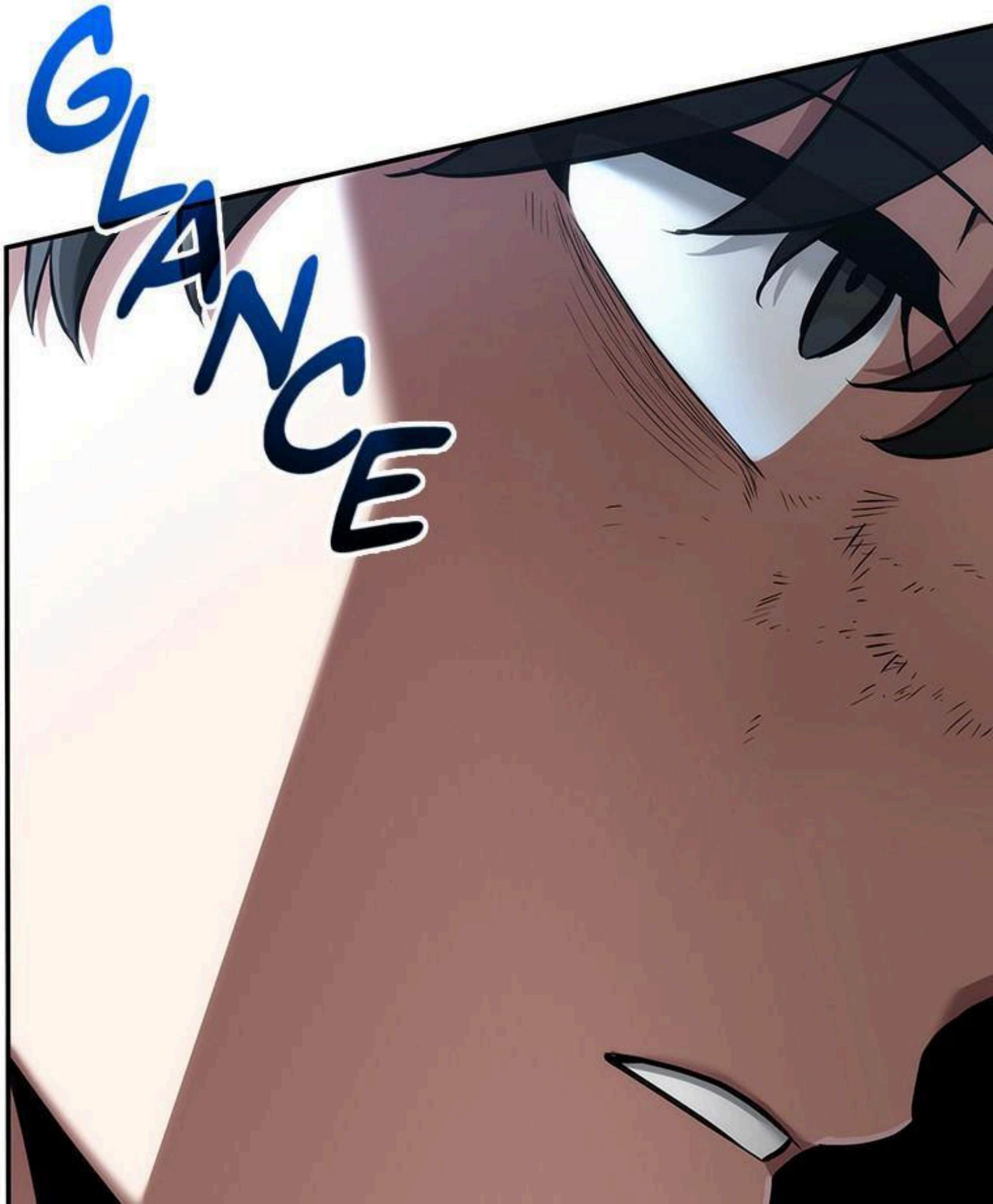
GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?



[PERSONAL SKILL,
THE FOURTH WALL,
IS SHAKING.]

I'LL BE FINE.
I'VE FINISHED
POWERING
UP.

PHEW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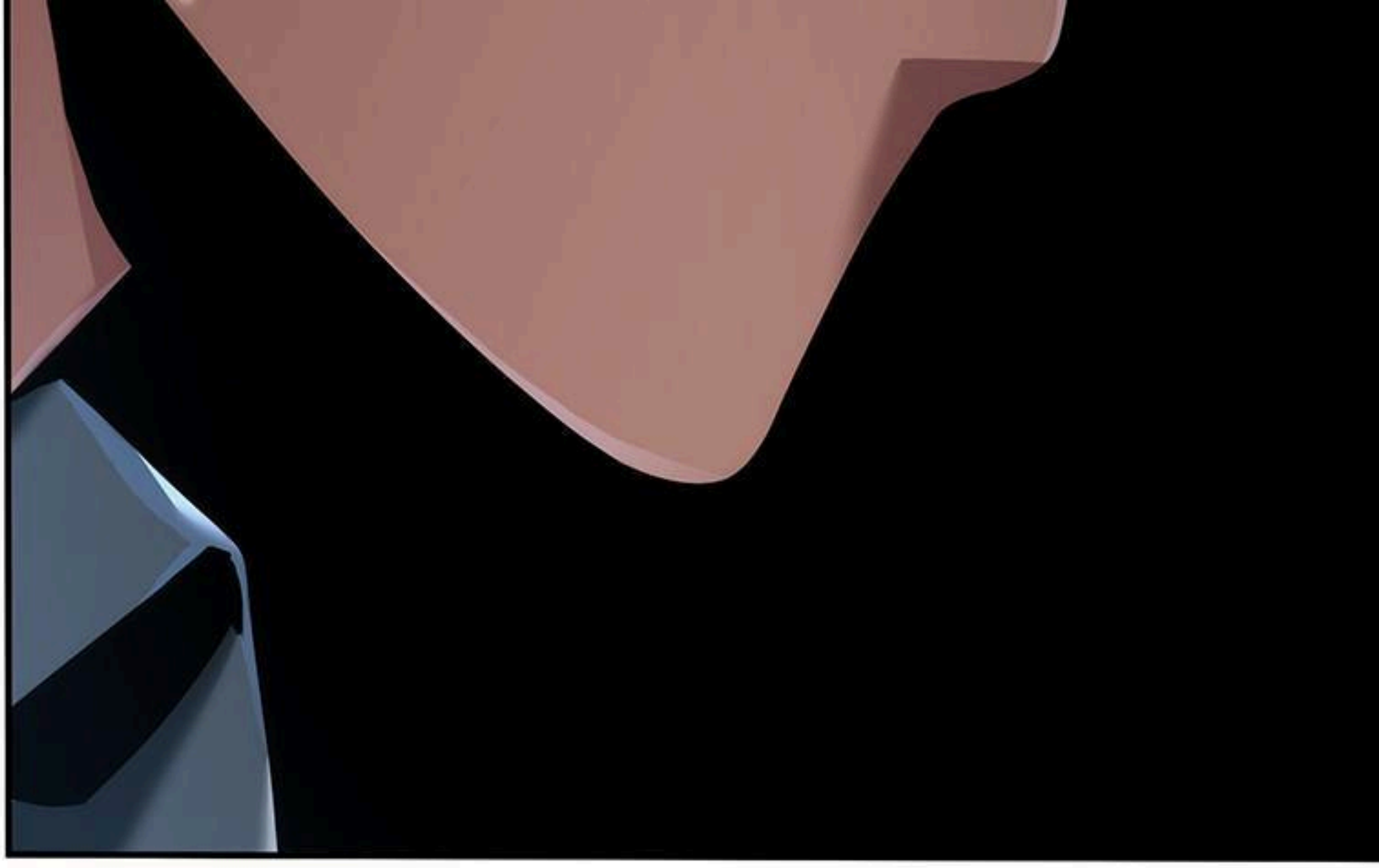

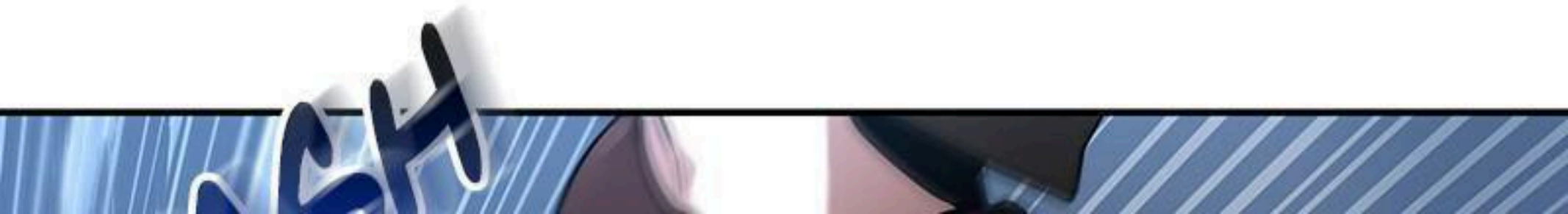

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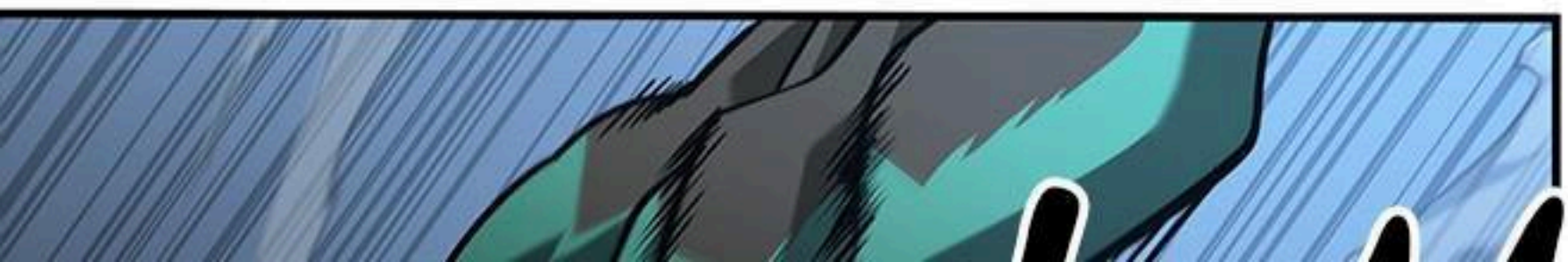
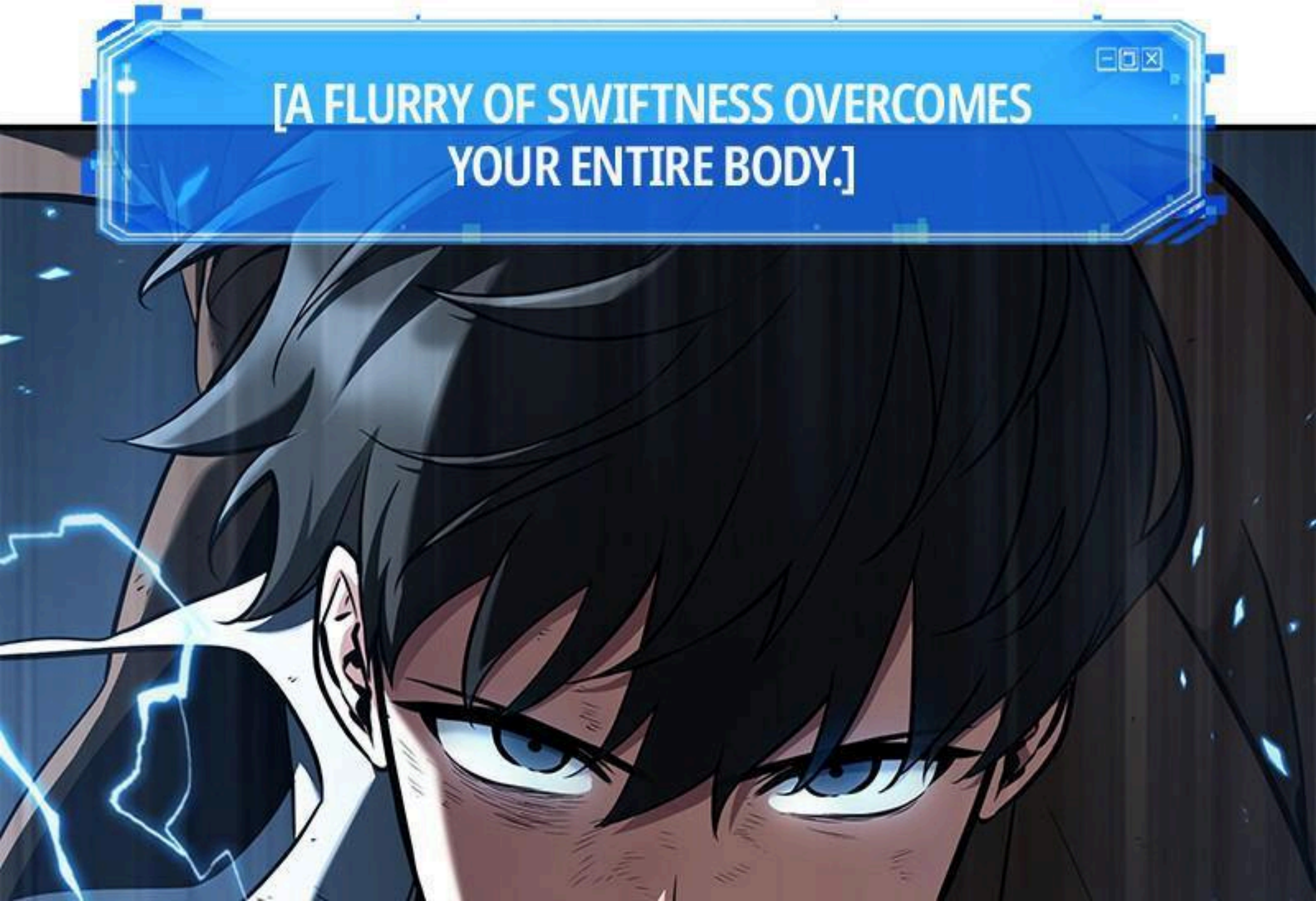
HOW IS HE MOVING SO FAST?!

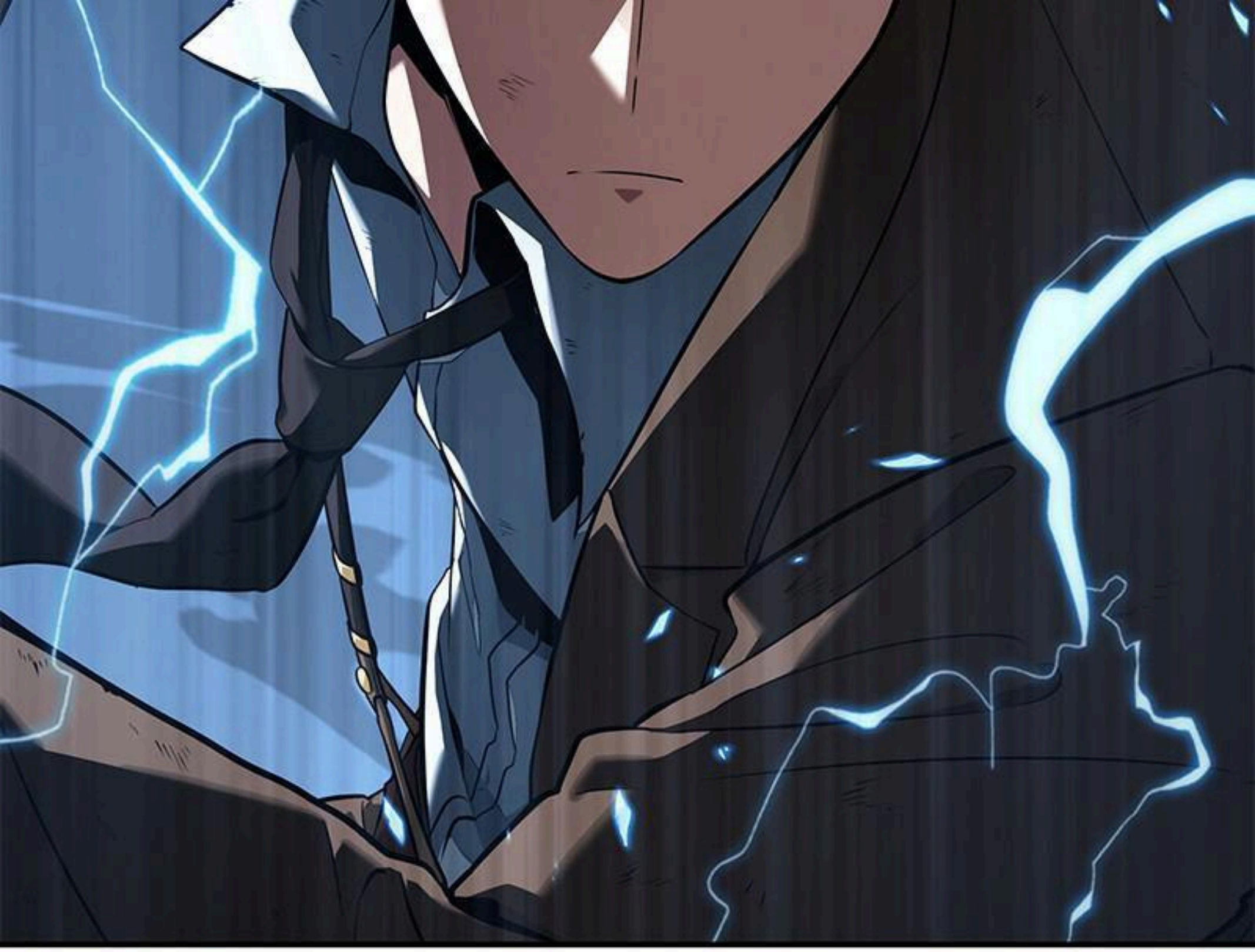


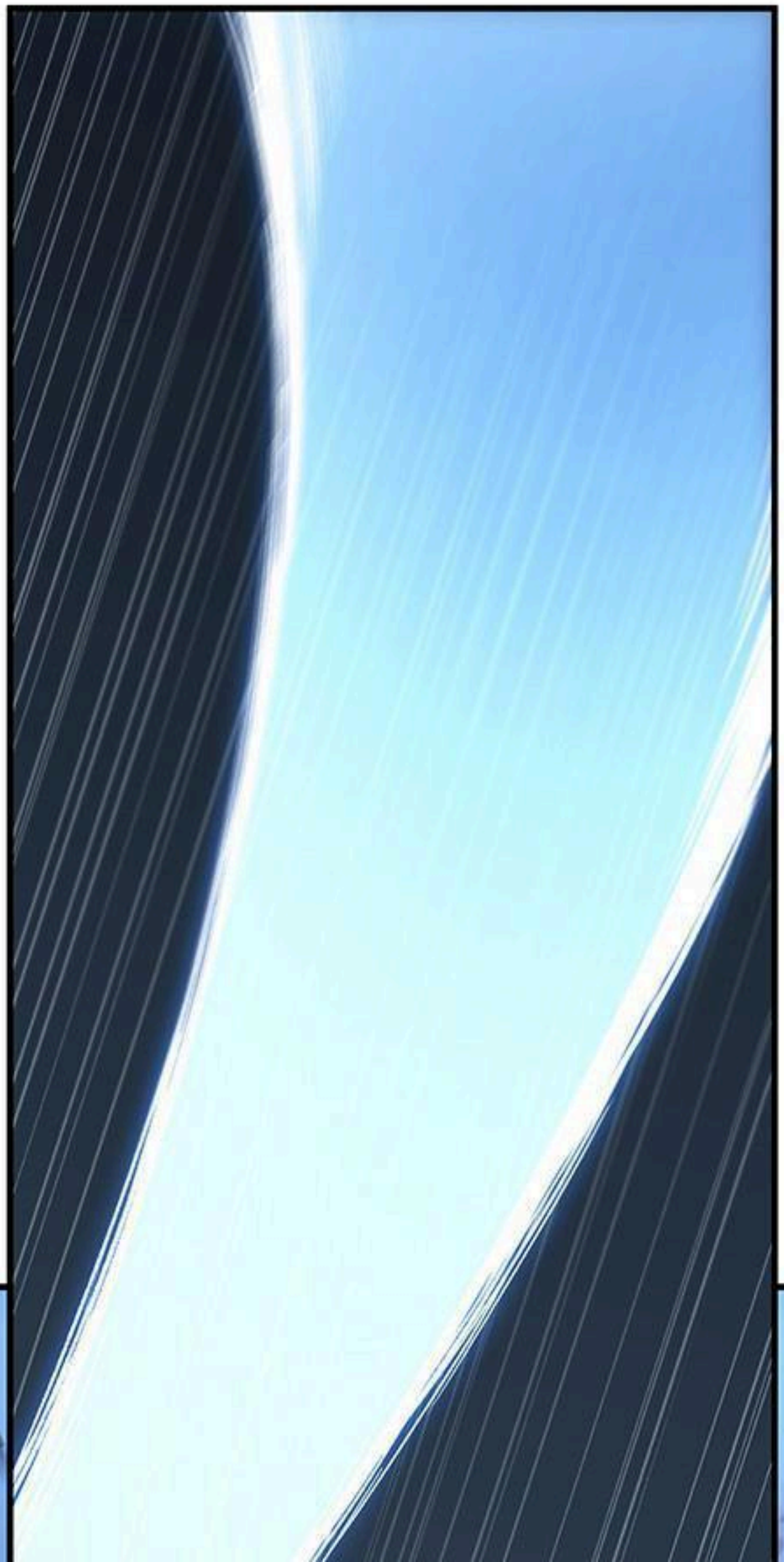
JUMP
ACK!

[YOU HAVE SPENT 7,000 COINS ON AGILITY.]

[AGILITY LV. 40 -> AGILITY LV. 50]


[A FLURRY OF SWIFTNESS OVERCOMES
YOUR ENTIRE BODY.]





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